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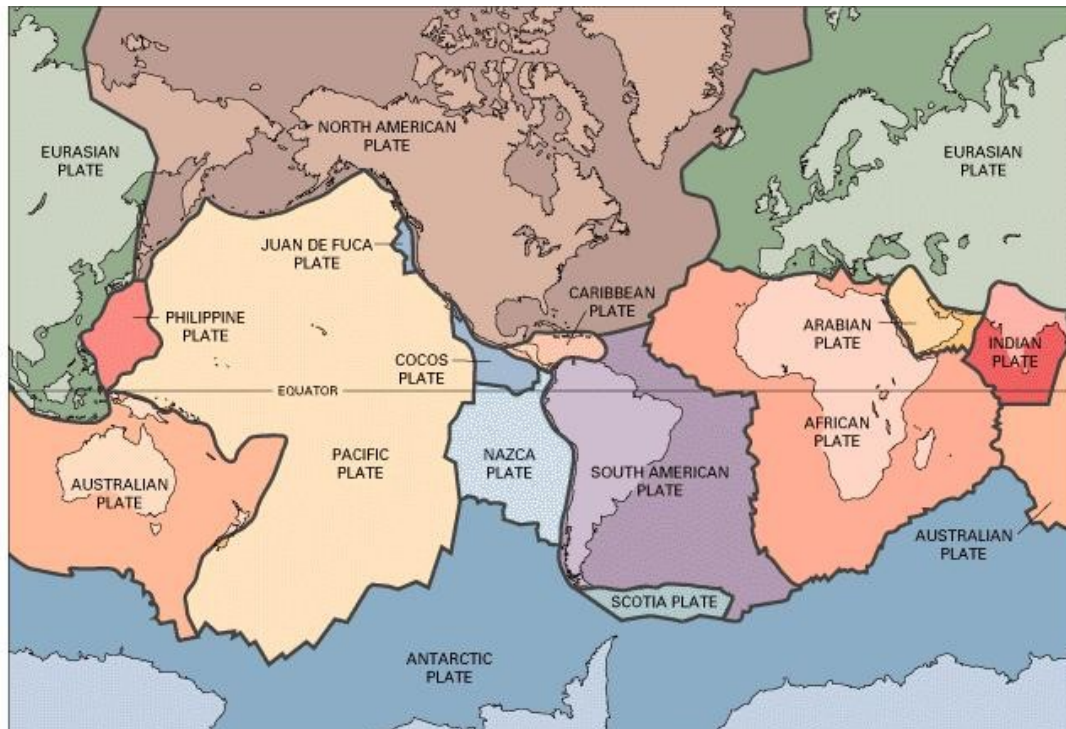
BIRTH PANG NUMBER 1

BIRTH PANGS FROM THE BOTTOMLESS PIT

Daniel 12:4

[4] But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

God advises us through Daniel that a particular circumstance will occur “at the time of the end,” specifically that “many shall run to and fro,” and, as a result, man’s “knowledge shall be increased.” Man, in his running to and fro, both across the earth and in space, did, in the twentieth century, accrue more knowledge about the earth than he grasped in the thousands of years from Adam’s creation until the beginning of that century. The data from hundreds of satellite eyes in space, used in spectrographic color analysis of the earth’s crust, has been allied with seismological data by a worldwide linkage of computer technology to allow man to discover an endless array of facts about the external and internal structure of the earth. Within the last thirty years man has more than doubled his factual knowledge of the exterior and interior of the earth, yet he has barely scratched the thin outer veneer of the unlimited knowledge of God, as prophesied by Daniel. This “time of the end” knowledge has begun to unseal many of the prophecies, and to open the “shut up” words of latter day events.



Today, when you look at the tectonic plate structure, found in countless numbers of books today, you see thousands of miles of lines between tectonic plates, which represent cracks in the earth that weave their way erratically down through the earth, eventually making contact with great underground lakes of red-hot melted rock called magma. These geological faults are not the figment of scientific imagination. They are no longer based on theory or hypothesis. They have, within the past hundred years, advanced from hypothesis to theory to fact. They are tremendous cracks in the crust of the earth that have the full potential to fulfill many of the terrifying events in the book of Revelation. Because these deep geological faults interconnect, they have separated the outer surface of the earth into vast chunks of crust called tectonic plates. These plates are usually named for the geographical area that lies atop them, and they are responsible for the earthquake and volcanic activity in these areas. Just as a ship floats on water, so do these vast pieces of the earth's crust float on deep oceans of hot liquid rock. They float in slightly different to opposite directions at differing speeds. Movement is perhaps only a few centimeters every year in some zones, but can be several per year in some places, and, at times, can suddenly move several feet in a local area. They move to produce over ninety-five percent of the world's earthquake activity, as well as more than ninety percent of the world's volcanic activity. Seismic topography, along with horizontal surface and vertical satellite laser beam measurements, has now proven without question that the plates exist and move to produce most of the world's earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. As the plates of the earth press against one another horizontal and vertical tectonic pressures often freeze vast zones together. As the plates strain against one another in titanic combat something finally snaps, and they break free in a local area. This abrupt loosing produces the massive vibrations we identify as an earthquake.

The Lord indicated "and great earthquakes shall be in divers places" in the last days. Man, in his running "to and fro," has now gained the increase in knowledge to understand how earthquakes and volcanoes are produced by God's creation. The same Christ, who uttered "and great earthquakes shall be in divers places," already knew what man was to discover more than 1900 years later. The prophecy, "and knowledge shall be increased," was fulfilled in the last century. The Holy Spirit, who inspired these words of Daniel and all the other prophets, will use his prior creation, the earth, to fulfill these prophecies of earthquake, fire, and brimstone, and he will do it by his own power. The horrifying scenes of destruction and chaos presented by John in

the book of Revelation, and by the Old Testament writers are largely descriptive of a tremendous geological upheaval of the crust of the earth by the power of its Creator.

BIRTH PANG NUMBER 2 FLEEING MOUNTAINS AND ISLANDS

To know that more than 95% of all earthquakes are associated with movement of the world's tectonic plates, as outlined in BIRTH PANG NUMBER 1, can help us to better understand Revelation 6:12A & 14B, along with Revelation 16:18B & 20. Revelation 6:12A – “And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake;” and 6:14B – “And every island and mountain were moved out of their places.” Revelation 16:18B – “And there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great,” and 16:20 – “And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.”

There are several interesting correlations between God's tectonic plates, his mountains and islands he formed on them, the earthquakes they produce, the latitudinal and longitudinal coordinates of the islands and mountains that ride on them as they float on subterranean lakes of magma, and scriptures referring to islands and mountains in Revelation. Mountains and islands are mentioned TOGETHER only twice in the entire Book of Revelation, once in 6:14 and again in 16:20. The correlations are as follows: (1) The first earthquake in Revelation occurs on the opening of the sixth seal. (2) The last earthquake in Revelation occurs on the pouring out of the seventh vial of God's wrath. (3) All the terrifying earthquakes, fire, and brimstone of the tribulation period occurs between the sixth seal and the seventh vial. That is not by chance, accident, or coincidence! (4) All the mountains and islands begin to change their latitudinal and longitudinal positions on the opening of the sixth seal (the first earthquake), then continue to move in association with earthquakes from the seventh seal through all seven trumpets, and up to the seventh vial of wrath (the last earthquake). All the islands and mountains reach their final geographical positions on the pouring out of the seventh vial of wrath.

God will suddenly accelerate worldwide tectonic plate movement on the opening of the sixth seal. This will produce the fantastic holocaust described

by John in Revelation from the first earthquake in Revelation 6:12 to the final earthquake in Revelation 16:18. The fleeing islands in Revelation 16:20 does not mean all the islands of the earth sank below sea level. It means literally what it says. A fleeing man is a moving man. It means the islands moved. Also, verse 20 does not mean all the mountains on the earth were leveled. It simply means they were not found in the same precise geographical location after the great shaking, which occurred between Revelation 6:12 and 16:20.

The first unleashing of a pattern of worldwide earthquakes begins in the Jordan River Valley, and eventually causes two things to occur: a noticeable movement of the tectonic plates on a worldwide basis, which produces horizontal movement and geographical relocation of all mountains and islands in microseconds. Just how can every island and mountain on the earth's crust be moved to new locations? The answer is found in the realization that every mountain and island is firmly attached to the earth's crust, anchored to a fixed set of latitudinal and longitudinal geographical location coordinates, which are measured in degrees, minutes, and seconds. Every mountain on this earth has a central peak set of geographical coordinates, and every island has a central focus set of location components. There is only one way that every island and mountain can be moved to a new location. The microseconds of the geographical coordinates must be changed. That is precisely what will happen when God begins to noticeably shift these massive tectonic pieces of the earth's crust during the last three and on-half years of the tribulation period.

It is worth noting what is also produced along the tectonic plate borders in conjunction with the earthquakes. Over 90% of all volcanic eruptions occur along the peripheries of the tectonic plates to produce fire, brimstone, and smoke. This certainly helps to explain the latter portion of Revelation 6:12 - "And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood." The great earthquake, which starts the initial worldwide movement of the plates, is also accompanied by widespread volcanic eruptions, whose smoke causes the sun to be darkened, and the moon to take on a blood-red color.



As the eruptions continue up to the pouring of the last vial, this ever accumulating volcanic smoke in the stratosphere will eventually cause the view of the heavenly bodies to depart from human eyes. The sun, moon, and stars will slowly disappear from view like the writing on a Hebrew scroll slowly disappears when it is gradually rolled together, as indicated in Revelation 6:14 - “And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.”

Number 3- CHALAZA, PUR AND HAIMA

And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the

weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great, Revelation 16:18-21.



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Verses eighteen and nineteen announce the occurrence of great worldwide earthquake activity, and then go on to describe some of its universal (*cities of the nations fell*) and local (*the great city was divided into three parts*) effects. Verse twenty then gives a visual observation of what is producing the effects of verses eighteen and nineteen: the visible movement of the islands and mountains atop the great shifting crust of the earth. This great shifting of the crust producing the earthquake activity of verses eighteen and nineteen will simultaneously be creating the phenomenon described in verse twenty-one.

The “hail” of verse twenty-one is not made of ice. These talent approximated chunks of matter are hot volcanic rocks thrown high in the heaven where the birds fly to eventually come down on sinful mankind as a plague of fire. There are three heavens portrayed in the Scriptures: the heaven where the birds fly (atmosphere); the heaven where the sun, other stars, and the planets exists; and the Heaven where God dwells. Verse twenty-one is an observation of those regions of the heavens containing this planet’s atmosphere. The King James translators in 1611 correctly supplied the word “stone” rather than “hailstone” to describe the true contextual meaning of the Greek word *chalaza*.

The word “hail” appears only four times in the entire New Testament,

and all four appearances are limited to the book of Revelation. By a process of abridgment the basic meaning of the word *chalaza* has been lost in a great surge of definition by common usage, which began about the time of the Civil War. The original Greek lexicons of the New Testament were monstrously large, far too enormous to conveniently carry from class to class or place to place. For this reason a historical process of abridgment has gradually reduced the first lexicons to about one fourth of their original size. In order to shorten lexicons to their present day volumes, it was necessary to select those seemingly non-essential Greek words with long definitions for particularly close trimming and *chalaza* was just such a word; a word appearing only four times in the Scriptures and possessing a lengthy variety of meanings.

In today's modern era of rapid technological development, vast improvements in the area of creature comfort have slowly given rise to what is now the generally accepted idea: new is better than old. This, of course, is true in most aspects of learning: knowledge of today is better than that of yesteryear. But this idea must be rejected when considering the true meaning of a biblical word. The farther back in time one is able to track the meaning of a word, the closer he or she comes to what the writer meant when he wrote it. In paragraphs that follow, the history of the word *chalaza* will be unveiled back to the most authoritative lexicons ever written

Most preachers and commentators after the Civil War began to teach uniformly that the "hail" of Revelation was in the form of ice. Primarily because of this common usage, virtually all new post-Civil War publications simply abridged away the original basic meaning of the word *chalaza*. All of the following popular reference publications were abridged in part from post-Civil War sources, and merely list *chalaza* as "hail": *Young's Analytical Concordance to the Bible*, *Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*, *The Analytical Greek Lexicon*, and *Strong's Concise Dictionary of the Words in the Greek Testament*.

Now, please carefully examine the following definitions extracted from pre-Civil War sources from which the post-Civil War sources were abridged.

1857—*A Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament* by E. W. Bullinger.

(1) (1) Chalaza—something let go, let fall.

1843—*A Greek-English Lexicon* compiled by Henry George Liddell and

Robert Scott, based on the work of Franz Passow in his lexicon of 1819.

- (1) A pelting shower of anything.
- (2) Any small knot like a hailstone.
- (3) A knot or hard lump.
- (4) A bituminous rock.

1836—A *Greek and English Lexicon of the New Testament* by Dr. Edward Robinson.

- (I) In the proper sense, not figurative, something let go, let fall.

1826—A *Comprehensive Lexicon of the Greek Language* by Dr. John Pickering.

- (1) A precious stone.

1819—A *Lexicon of the New Testament* by Franz Passow.

- (1) Strictly, that which is let loose.

The writings of the early Greeks clearly reveal that the usage of *chalaza* was not limited to a frozen ball of ice that fell from the heavens. The word *chalaza* was used by Sophocles, Aristotle, Athenaeus, Theophrastus, Orphica, and Plutarchus to describe the following things:

- (1) a knot, (2) a hard lump, (3) a pelting shower of anything, (4) a bituminous rock, (5) a stone that resembles a hailstone, and (6) anything that falls from the heavens.

The 1819 lexicon by Franz Passow is recognized as the grandfather of modern day lexicons even though it was based on the 1797 lexicon of Johann Gottlob Schneider. The noun *chalaza* comes from the verb *chalao*, which means “to let down from above.” *Chalaza* is whatever happens to be let down from above. Passow’s 1819 definition states its full, basic meaning best:

“Strictly, that which is let loose.”

The four occurrences of *chalaza* in Revelation do not picture balls of ice being let down, but rather stones of fire from massive volcanic eruptions produced by a fantastic shifting of the plates. A further validation of this statement may be made by an interpretation of Revelation 8:7:



The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

Please note in figure 3 that many of the great cracks in the crust of the earth pass across large segments of the earth's dry land mass. What John observes as recorded in verse seven is the opening of these plate boundaries to allow massive showers of hot, burning pyroclastic material to shower down upon the dry land masses. The word *chalaza* appears as "hail" in this verse, but this *chalaza* is not made of ice, for ice does not mix with the literal Greek word used for "fire" (*pur*), nor does it burn up trees or green grass.

Because God sent a plague of hailstones and fire against the Egyptians in the Old Testament as one of the ten plagues, most commentaries link this verse in Revelation to that event and thereby identify the fire as lightning. I can see the reason for this common interpretation, but I heartily disagree with it. The reason for my disagreement is dramatically portrayed by what appears in the preceding two verses of chapter eight.

And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thundering, and lightning, and an earthquake.

And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up, Revelation

8:5-7.

Please note in verse five that the word “lightning” appears. This is a translation of the Greek word *aetrapai*, which means “vivid flashes of static electricity,” a very common phenomenon produced by volcanic eruptions. Why am I so sure that the word “fire” in verse seven is not lightning? Because an entirely different word from *astrapai* is used in verse seven as God’s Holy Spirit causes John to use the word *pur*, which means, “a visible heat flame evolved by ignition and combustion.” The Holy Spirit would not have caused John to use *astrapai* for lightning” in verse five and then suddenly cause him to use an unrelated word like *pur* for lightning in verse seven. John reported exactly what he saw. He saw lightning in verse five and he saw fire in verse seven.

The Greek word for “blood” in verse seven is *haimati*, which can mean any one of three different things: (1) real blood, (2) the blood-red color taken on by an object, (3) any form of liquid having a blood-red color. The Hebrews had a habit of identifying any color from orange to reddish black as “blood.” The following passages from the Old Testament show that the word “blood” was often used in a figurative sense.

Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidney of wheat; and thou didest drink the pure blood of the grape, Deuteronomy

32:14.

Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass’s colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes, Genesis 49:11.

And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side as red as blood:

And they said, This is blood: the kings are surely slain, and they have smitten one another: now therefore, Moab, to the spoil, 2 Kings 3:22,23.

Certainly grapes do not contain real blood, but many varieties contained a blood-red liquid. The Hebrew was familiar with the many various shades of blood from the wounds of the battlefields. They had seen blood from the heart area of an extremely light reddish hue and blood from the femur veins that was almost blackish. Not only is there a tremendous difference in the shades of blood within each individual, but also differences between individuals. Anytime that John observed a color from orange to deep dark red he simply reported the color as “blood.” You will not find the color orange in the Scriptures. In Revelation 6:12 we are not told that the moon will actually turn into real blood, but rather that it will take on a blood-red color (orange to deep red) from volcanic lithometers in the lower stratosphere.

And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood, Revelation 6:12.

In Revelation 8:5-7 John observed an angel take fire from the heavenly altar and then cast it into (*eis*) the earth to produce the following phenomena: (1) voices (*phonai*—literally, sounds), (2) thunderings, (3) lightnings and (4) an earthquake. The sounds that John heard were the terrifying sounds generated by movement along the pressurized plate boundaries. The thunderings were from massive thunderstorms formed by widespread uplifting of moisture *in* hot convective currents above vast volcanic eruptions. The lightning he observed was from vivid static electricity produced by both thunderstorm and the volcanically induced heat component of friction. As a meteorologist and physical scientist, I assure you that sounds, thundering, lightning and earthquakes are common occurrences in all major volcanic eruptions. And may I also assure you that the sounds, thunderings, lightning and earthquakes occur in conjunction with, and are followed by, *chalaza*, *pur* and *haimati*. The word translated as “mingled” among these seven frightening phenomena is *memigmena*, and it means to be mixed in with something, as one would dip a garment in red dye.

Now, armed with all this information, let us carefully examine what John saw in verse seven. He saw *chalaza* (something let go, let fall). He observed objects being cast upon the earth. These objects were *pur* (fiery) and they looked like they had been dipped in *haimati* (a blood-red liquid). The objects were fiery volcanic rocks that looked as if they had been dipped in blood, and that blood-red liquid was lava. This is a perfect figurative description of a literal volcanic eruption.

The linguistics of verses five and seven describe massive volcanic eruptions, but the effect on the dry land is the final proof of the pudding. Please note that all the green grass is destroyed, but only one-third of the trees. Why not all of the trees? Because in all major volcanic eruptions the grass is destroyed over a vast area due to the shallowness of its roots, but only the trees in the immediate vicinity of the eruption are destroyed due to the much greater depth of their tap roots. In virtually all-volcanic eruptions you will find within the same area that all the green grass is destroyed, but only about one-third of the trees are killed, those being the trees nearest the volcanic cone.



If there is a question in your mind concerning the rendering of the word translated as “blood” in the book of Revelation, please consider this reference from volume one of Gerhard Kittel’s *Theological Dictionary*: In the language of apocalyptic *haima* “signifies the red color simulate to blood which indicates eschatological terrors in the earth and heaven, such as war (Ac. 2:19), hail and fire (Rev. 8:7), the changing of water (Rev. 8: 8...), the coloring of the moon (Rev. 6:12), the judgment of the nations (Rev. 14:20).” This source clearly indicates that the word “blood’ in Revelation may be understood as any liquid substance having a red color

BIRTH PANG NUMBER 4 BURNING MOUNTAINS AND BLOODY SEAS

The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood: .

And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed, Revelation 8:7-9.

In the previous chapter a lengthy discourse of verse seven was given; a discourse portraying the terrible effects of volcanic spillage on dry land masses. I have attempted to build a case that God will move the massive tectonic plates of figure 3 to produce unbelievable dry land eruptions. But the shifting of the plates would most assuredly not only affect the land, for most of these great cracks exist on the world's ocean and sea floors. John's eyes had been fixed on the horrifying burning of the earth's greenery (verse seven), but as he watched the land scene the underwater volcanic activity remained hidden from his view. It is therefore only natural that the dry land events were reported before the water events.

In order to correctly interpret verse eight, one must understand what the expression "as it were" means, and how it is used in relation to the subject and verb of the middle section of this verse. Many commentaries identify the great burning mountain as a meteorite that falls into the sea from heaven, but I will attempt to prove that this is not the case.

The expression "as it were" is one very small Greek word. That word is *hos*. *Hos* is a particle having a very wide variety of uses in the New Testament. At times it applies to the subject, at other times it applies to the verbal action, and sometimes it applies to both. *Hos* can be translated as "what looked like," "it was as though," "what seemed to be," "it was as if," "as it were," etc.

The verbal action "was cast" is a single Greek verb, *eblethe*. It expresses punctiliar action in past time and, as such, can be translated "had been cast."

John used *hos* in John 7:10 to describe the action performed by the subject:

But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.

Paul in 1 Corinthians 4:9 used *hos* to refer to a verbal action affecting the subjects:

For I think that God hath set birth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.

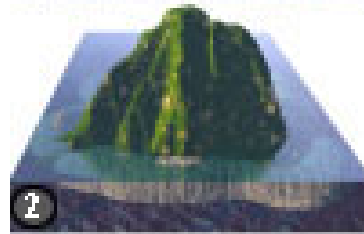
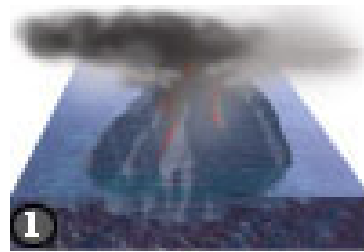
Now considering the usage of *hos* and *eblethe* in Revelation 8:8, let us carefully examine what John saw and how he report-. ed it:

And the second angel sounded, and as it were thos] a great mounition burning with fire was cast [eblethe] into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood.

Hos (as it were) refers to both the subject (great burning mountain) and the verbal action *eblethe* (had been cast) that began at some point in time before John actually saw the subject. John's attention had been fixed on a horrible scene of fiery objects coming down upon the dry land masses of the world, destroying all the green grass and one-third of the trees. Suddenly the second trumpet shifted his eyes to the sea, and he beheld what looked like a great mountain on fire in the midst of the sea. John did not know where it came from, so he used the expression (*hos*) to tell us it was as if it had been cast into the sea. John did not see it cast into the sea, because the tense of the verb *eblethe* indicates the action that caused it to be in the midst of the sea occurred before John actually saw it there. What John saw is what you see in figure 5. The mountain had been cast into the sea from beneath, not from above as many commentaries assume. Not all commentaries take the falling meteor position. Among one of the more reputable that does not is the Expositor's Greek Testament Volume five of this highly esteemed work provides the following information concerning Revelation 8:8 and the rest of the book of Revelation:

Volcanic phenomena... in the Egean archipelago are in the background of this description, and of others throughout the book; features such as the disturbance of islands and the mainland, showers of stones, earthquakes, the sun obscured by a black mist of ashes, and the moon reddened by volcanic dust, were the natural consequences of eruption in some submarine volcano, and Thera—adjoining Patmos—was in a state of more or less severe eruption during the first century. All this suggested the hideous colours in which the final catastrophe was painted by the imagination of pious contemporaries. In the eruption of 1573, the sea round Thera was tinted for twenty miles round, and even when the submarine volcano is quiescent, 'the sea in the immediate vicinity of the cone is of a brilliant orange colour, from the action of oxide of iron.' In 1707 a large rock suddenly appeared in the sea, during the eruption, and owing to noxious vapours 'all fish in the harbour died.'

It is difficult to prove conclusively the case for volcanic eruptions by linguistics alone, but the effects produced in the form of blood-red water that destroys aquatic life is a natural consequence of volcanic eruptions. There have been thousands of meteorites that have fallen into man's water supplies for many years and yet not one case of poisoning has ever been validated. Meteors are not poisonous nor do they turn water a continuing red. Please do not let the "orange" color mentioned in the quote from the Expositor's Greek testament mislead you. You will not find the color "orange" in the entire Bible. One of the reasons *the* word "blood" appears so often in Revelation is that it figuratively covers a wide range of blood shades from orange to red---dish black. Ask any hematologist about the tremendous change in blood color found in various parts of the human anatomy.



There are three types of magma that burst onto the earth's surface as blood-red lava, and basaltic magma has the highest iron content of the three, with virtually all oceanic eruptions being of the basaltic variety. If a piece of iron is left long enough in a glass of water it will turn the water a rusty red by oxidation. If the water is heated the

oxidation (rusting) will be accelerated. As the basaltic material makes contact with the ocean seawater its temperature is often in excess of six hundred degrees centigrade, and this produces fantastically accelerated oxidation of its iron content. In virtually all oceanic eruptions a blood-red shield is formed, and this shield is carried away from the source many miles by the currents of the sea. When coupled with the other chemical reactions associated with maritime volcanic eruptions, it acts like a smothering aerobic blanket on aquatic life as it spreads across the seas and oceans of the world.

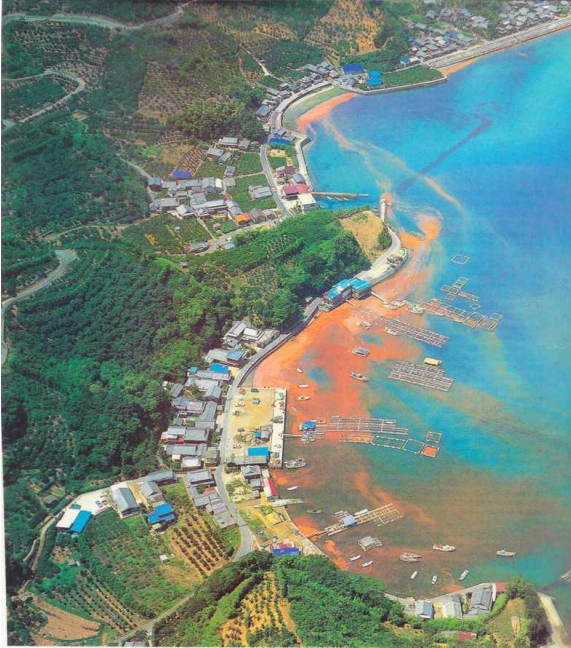
God, who created all things and will use them to fulfill His prophecies, has also created life forms *in* the sea that can produce dreadful effects. There are certain microscopic organisms that exist in the sea that can reproduce at fantastic rates. Under certain conditions these oceanic organisms have reproduced to exhibit over sixty million in a single quart of seawater. They are deadly only under certain conditions which I shall describe later. As long as these organisms remain in a certain environmental temperature range there is no problem. They will remain absolutely harmless. In fact, if the organism is carried into a cold water zone by the currents of the ocean, God has so designed it that a protective crust forms around it, and the shield remains until it is carried back into a favorable temperature environment. But there is one thing that must never be performed on this organism: never heat the water. For if you heat the water above the organism's normal temperature environment, the following quote from a standard biological text describes what will happen:

Under certain conditions it reproduces at a fantastic rate; sixty million have been counted in a single quart of seawater. The organism tends to utilize the dissolved oxygen at a rate which creates an anaerobic condition. Thus aerobic organisms, such as fish, die. It also releases an airborne "poison gas" which irritates the human respiratory tract and may cause coughing, sneezing and even shortness of breath.

During the red tide off the coast of Florida in 1952 and again in 1954 enormous numbers of fish died, and the shore was littered for miles with stinking fish.

Another dinoflagellate, Gonyauiox, also causes waters to appear a rusty red at times because of its great numbers. Gonyaulax catenella is known to have been the cause of disastrous poisoning in man. Several kinds of shellfish along the Pacific

coast feed on them, thus making the shellfish poisonous for human consumption. In 1941 there were 346 cases of poisoning with 24 deaths. Since 1941 state laws forbid the gathering of shellfish during the season of the red waters. Experiments have shown the toxin (an alkaloid) to be about ten times as potent as strychnine, which is used for poisoning mice.



When God shifts the great tectonic plates, all the cracks on the ocean floors shown in figure 3 will open to produce long chains of oceanic eruptions as pictured in figure 5. As the magma begins to heat the oceans and seas of the world, many varieties of dinoflagellate will begin to reproduce at fantastic rates. As the heating spreads, the dinoflagellate will spread, both by formation and transportation by the currents of oceans and seas of the world. The sea will be turned red by both oxidation and organism secretion, both creations of God. The same God who created the process of oxidation and all organisms has also created the mechanism to slowly spread the blood-red shroud of poison across the oceans and seas of the world—the currents of the “seven seas” shown in figure 5A. By the time the last drop of the second vial has been poured out, all aquatic life in the oceans and seas will have been destroyed by this shield of death carried by the currents that daily move life through them.

And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood: and

the third part of the creature. which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed, Revelation 8:8,9.

And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea, Revelation 16:3.

The great red shield of death is formed and spreads across one-third of the sea as the trumpet sounds. The second trumpet begins the event and the second vial closes it. By the time the last drop of the vial has fallen, the ocean current spread of both organic and inorganic takers of life will have rendered the sea to belike the blood of a dead man. A dead man's blood will not support life. The trumpets and vials do not occur separately from one another in a chronological sense. The first trumpet announces the beginning of event one, and the last drop of the first vial closes it. This sequence is true throughout all seven trumpets and vials.

BIRTH PANG NUMBER 5

CHAPTER 7- SINKING SHIPS AND SHAKING SHORES

And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed, Revelation 8:9.

The preceding chapters have continually added to the premise that God will destroy sinful mankind *with the earth*. This chapter, and those which follow, will continue to build upon that premise. The major contention of this premise is that God will move the massive tectonic plates shown in figure 3 approximately one to two feet during the last three and one-half years of the Tribulation Period. It is this destroying *with the earth* that will create the horrifying scenes described in Isaiah 29:6 and Luke 21:25.

Thou shalt be visited of the Lord of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire, Isaiah 29:6.

And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves

roaring, Luke 21:25.

In Luke 21:25 the word translated wave is *saïou*, which means a particular type of wave. It means a wave that breaks on the shoreline, a wave of the surf. The nations of the world will be in great perplexity because of the roaring sound of the sea and surf. It is this phenomenon of sea and surf that will destroy one-third of the world's shipping.

The claim has been made that unbelievably violent earthquake and volcanic activity will be occurring along the area indicated by dashed lines of figure 3 during the last half of the Tribulation Period. Please note that most of these great cracks in the earth's crust lie on the ocean and sea floors of the world. If I am correct about the earthquake and volcanic activity along these cracks, then I am positive that what I am about to describe will definitely occur.

There are many types of waves that exist on the ocean surface. The most common being those induced by the winds and tides of the earth. But the most horrifying of all waves that pound the shorelines of the world is not produced by wind or tide; it is the unbelievable *tsunami* produced by earthquake and volcanic eruption on the seafloor.

Tsunami are not "tidal waves."³ They are caused by undersea earthquakes or volcanoes and have killed millions of people down through the ages. *Tsunami* is the Japanese word for "storm wave." The Alaska earthquake of 1964 produced the *tsunami* wave pattern shown in figure 6. As you can observe from the figure, it only took the *tsunami* four hours to move from the epicenter to Hawaii. *Tsunami* travel as fast as some jet aircraft. *Tsunami* can now be predicted so that appalling death tolls of yesteryear can be avoided. A network of seismic warning stations now functions across the Pacific Ocean to give early warning of an approaching *tsunami*.

As you can observe on the lower half of figure 6, a *tsunami* is generated when an undersea earthquake or volcanic eruption causes a sudden downward movement of an earth block. The downward displacement of water above the block produces not a surface wave, but rather a wave which moves horizontally

outward through the water from the bottom to the top. *Tsunami* cross the ocean as long low waves which seagoing vessels may not even notice. But as you may observe in figure 7, when the *tsunami* approaches the shoreline the energy of the wave is confined in shallower and shallower water. *Tsunami* have been known to rise to heights in excess of two hundred fifty feet. The increase in *tsunami* occurrences, during the past 190 years, is made evident in figure 8. When a *tsunami* crashes against a coastline it destroys everything in its path, often up to half a mile inland.

Shipping on the open sea is virtually unaffected by a *tsunami*, but woe unto the ship that is caught in port. There is not a ship built which can withstand the force of a full blown *tsunami* as it roars into port. In one day the old city of Lisbon and all the ships in port were destroyed by a wall of water that washed half a mile inland. During the last three and one-half years of the Tribulation Period most of the coastal cities of the world and the ships in port will be completely destroyed by *tsunami* after *tsunami*. This is what will produce much of the distress and perplexity among the nations of the world. Now, how does all this fit in with Revelation 8:9 regarding John's statement: "and the third part of the ships were destroyed?"

At any given time approximately two-thirds of the world's shipping is "under way" on the open sea, and one-third is in port or dry dock. The two-thirds on the open sea will be spared, and the one-third in port will be destroyed by *tsunami* during the sounding of the second trumpet.

The following Scriptures leave little doubt that God has control of the sea and the destructive forces of its waves. Those who "do business in great waters" will lose one-third of their business on the sounding of the second trump.

Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them, Psalm 89:9.

But I am the Lord thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared: The Lord of hosts is his name, Isaiah 51:15.

*They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;
These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.
For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up*

the waves thereof, Psaim 107:23-25.

The earth is God's creation and all the things thereof. God does not need man's weaponry or technology to fulfill His prophecies. God has already made all the elements necessary to destroy man, and He has molded them into forms, shapes, compounds and processes capable of fulfilling His revelation of end-time events. I know that a great war will occur. Many men will die in that war. Bullets and other weaponry *will kill* many of them; but that will be only a few compared to the earthquake, fire and brimstone toll exacted by the force of Almighty God upon sinful mankind. For too long biblical expositors have been concentrating on a single tree (man's weaponry and technology) as the fulfillment of Revelation prophecies. In so doing, they have overlooked the forest of God's creation, the earth's natural destructive forces.

Man will not destroy himself in a nuclear holocaust of his own making. If you desire to be frightened by such a possibility, be my guest and join the crowd. I do not fear the armies with thermonuclear arsenals. May I remind you whom you should fear with this closing passage of Scripture.

And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him. Luke 12:4, 5.

BIRTH PANG NUMBER 6 CHAPTER 8- THE SHAFT ABYSS

And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit, Revelation 9:1,2.

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In verse one there are some points that can be made literally concerning the symbols, things, places and events described. First of all, the star is identified by the personal pronoun "him" as a masculine spiritual being that comes from Heaven.

Secondly, this masculine spiritual being comes to a physical place: the planet Earth. Now, putting these two factors together, we have a being sent from Heaven to the physical earth. That means he is standing on the surface of what you see in figure 3, on top of these massive tectonic plates that float on top of an underground ocean of liquid rock.

Thirdly, this heavenly visitor has been given a key which represents the authority to unlock something. He has been sent to unlock the earth itself. The earth is the bottomless pit. There are hundreds of geometric figures that have bottoms, but the earth is an oblate spheroid, and as such, it has no bottom. If it were possible to dig through the earth you could never reach bottom for you would simply come out on the opposite side from which you started; the earth has no bottom.

Fourthly, I call your attention to the *Koine Greek* words translated "bottomless pit," those being *phreatos tes abussou*, or literally, SHAFT OF THE ABYSS. This is a perfect scientific description of these great geological faults shown in figure 9. They are a great interconnecting shaft system that extends down through the crust into the abyss. It is this locked system that the heavenly being is sent to unlock. He unlocks the locked plate structure with the power of God symbolized by the key.

Fifthly, please note that the interior of the bottomless pit is likened to a "great furnace." Virtually all-scientific texts of today use this term to describe the interior of the earth.

And, lastly, please notice the results of the unlocking of the tectonic plates in verse two—a great smoke that rises up to darken the sun and the atmosphere. This is precisely what would occur if **these huge tectonic plates were unlocked**.

Volcanic smoke would pour upward into the earth's atmosphere along all areas indicated by the dashed lines shown in figure 3. This smoke would most assuredly darken the sun on a worldwide basis as it collected and advected around the earth under a great temperature inversion just above the tropopause.

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And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places, Revelation 6:14.

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I am convinced that the shifting of the plates will generate the formation of chains of volcanic activity, as pictured in figure 10, along all the plate boundaries shown in figure 3. God, who made everything I have described to this point, has also created around the entire earth a great temperature inversion shroud in the lower section of the stratosphere just above the tropopause. Any time there is a moderate to severe vertical volcanic eruption, smoke is forcefully injected through the tropopause and trapped beneath the temperature inversion of the stratosphere. There is virtually no moisture above the tropopause and, since the smoke particles cannot be made heavy enough to fall earthward by condensation of water vapor on them, the smoke remains suspended in the lower section of the stratosphere for five to fifteen years. The winds in the lower section of the stratosphere advect the volcanic smoke around the entire envelope of atmosphere that surrounds the earth over a two to four year period. Figure 11 portrays the great temperature inversion that exists around the entire earth through the stratosphere. As the smoke attempts to rise through this inversion it soon reaches a temperature near its own and begins to flatten out into a great shield of smoke, a shield that is then advected around the entire atmosphere by the winds of the stratosphere. Have you ever really looked at all the Old and New Testament prophecies concerning the appearance of the heavenly bodies during the last three and one-half years of the Tribulation Period? Let us now consider just a

few of these prophecies to see if we can correlate them.

And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise, Revelation 8:12.

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The sun shall be turned into darkness~ and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come, Joel 2:30, 31.

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Final conclusion. In Revelation 6:14, the word used for heaven is ouranos, and there are three of them: (1) the Heaven where God dwells, (2) the heaven where the birds fly (atmosphere), and (3) the heaven where the sun, moon, and stars abide. It is the latter to which John refers. The word used for departed is *apechoristhe*, which literally means, in this case, “*was removed from view.*” John is saying he saw what the Hebrews considered heaven (sun, moon, and stars) removed from his view. When something or someone departs, or is removed, it is no longer visible to the one from which it departed. John says that the heaven disappeared from his view and then tells us the manner in which it disappeared: as a scroll when it is rolled together”

In figure 13 you can see the likeness of a Hebrew scroll. If while you were reading the scroll it were slowly roiled together, then it could be truly stated that the writing departed from your view “as a scroll when it is rolled together.” In his vision John looked up into what the Hebrews considered one of the heavens and, as he watched, the heavenly bodies slowly disappeared over a period of time. This is exactly what will occur during the period of time

we identify as the last three and one-half years of the tribulation Period. It will occur like the slow rolling together of a scroll, such that by the end of the Tribulation Period a continuous cloud band of smoke will completely engulf the earth in the lower section of the stratosphere. No one will be able to see the sun, moon or stars through the thick shroud. It is through the great stratospheric cloud shown in figure 14 that the author believes the Lord shall return at the end of the Tribulation Period.

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Revelation 9:1,2

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Revelation 8:12

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Luke 21:25,26

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**BIRTH PANG NUMBER 10
CHAPTER 12–LIGHT AT NIGHT**

Zechariah 14:4-7

And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. [5] And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee. [6] And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark: [7] But it shall be one day which shall be known to the Lord, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.

A most unusual phenomenon: light at night from the sun! When will it occur? The answer is found in verses 4 and 5, which describe the cleavage of the Mount of Olives, a definite occurrence of the latter portion of the Tribulation Period. In the latter part of the Tribulation Period the great cloud shroud of figure 14 will have established itself around the entire earth above the tropopause. It is this great cloud shroud that will fulfill the prophecies of verses 6 and 7. Verse 6 states that the light will not be clear nor dark. To a Hebrew clear light was unobstructed light, a light that came

from its source to fall on an object with no obstructions between. A Hebrew viewed darkness as the absence of light. So we are advised that there will be some light (it will not be pitch dark), but the light will not be clear light (it will be partially obstructed). This is a perfect description of what we call a cloudy day. On days when the skies are overcast we do have light, but it is not clear light, for the clouds obstruct our view of the sun. The light on a cloudy day reaches us by a process that involves reflection, refraction, and scattering of the light from the sun. During the latter portion of the Tribulation Period man will not see the sun. But limited light, of varying degrees, will penetrate the great cloud shield in the stratosphere. It will be a dull, gray, depressing light in which the inhabitants of the earth are struggling for survival. But how can it come to pass “that at evening time it shall be light?” How is it possible that, at every location on the face of the earth, there will be some light during the evening hours when normally it is pitch dark?

About 20 years ago, after presenting a lecture series in California for Dr. Reed, I departed the Los Angeles area by jet to Dallas, flying at an altitude just below 40 thousand feet. It was a beautiful day from the surface to the top of the atmosphere along the entire flight path, with clear skies above and below the aircraft. As we crossed Arizona and New Mexico the light from the sun beamed upon the ground below us, and through the air above us. When we crossed into Texas there were no clouds below or above us, and the sun was beaming on the aircraft with its full brilliance, but as I looked toward the earth’s surface I begin to notice tiny

pinpoints of light on the ground. People had turned on the lights below us because it was dark at ground level. The curvature of the earth had already blocked off the surface rays of the sun at ground level across Texas, but at our flight level and above it was broad daylight. If there had been a way for me to take the light at high levels and direct it downward, it would have produced dim light on the surface below, where darkness had enshrouded Texas. It is not by accident that the God of light, who is Light, has very conveniently established a law in nature where this is predictably possible – The law of refraction.

Laws are not theories. They are like God because they are made by God. They are consistent and can always be counted to act in a predictable, unchanging manner. It is not my purpose to teach physics, so I will refrain from a technical discussion of the law itself, and will rather refer those interested in such a dissertation to any general physics textbook. Refraction occurs because light waves travel at different speeds through different substances. Refraction involves the bending of light waves as they move from one medium to another. In figure 15 you can see the bending effect on light as it passes from a less dense medium (air) into a more dense medium (water). If you want to see this bending of light in action, drop a pencil and a coin into a glass about three-fourths full of water. The pencil will appear to be broken at the water surface, and the coin will appear to be on the side of the glass. This is a phenomenon produced by refraction.

Why is it that we still have light long after the sun has disappeared over the horizon? And why do we have light in the morning before the sun comes into view? You guessed it! It is the law of refraction at work. As the sun's rays travel through space, they move very rapidly, as if in a vacuum, but when contact is made with the more dense atmospheric medium of the earth, the light decelerates, and is bent around the curvature of the earth by the law of refraction. This law causes the light to reach the surface before the sun appears in the morning, and to trail behind on the surface long after the early evening sun disappears.

The great cloud of volcanic smoke will be firmly established as shown in figure 14 by the time the battle of Armageddon occurs. This great encompassing shroud will vertically be thousands of feet thick and, as such, a very dense medium through which the sun's rays must filter on their way to the earth's surface. As the rays filter through by refraction and scattering, they will be severely bent around the curvature of the earth's surface. As you may observe in figure 16, the small island, on the opposite side of the earth from the sun, would normally be experiencing an evening of complete darkness. However, because of the refraction and scattering of sunshine through the great volcanic cloud, light would be bent around the earth to strike the island, and "it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light." Such would be the case at every location on the surface of the earth. The intensity of the light at any given point would be affected by the distance it had to be refracted, and by the thickness of cloud through which it had to pass. No spot on the earth

would receive clear light (unobstructed), and no spot on the earth would ever be dark (lightless).

Zechariah 14:6,7

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**BIRTH PANG NUMBER 11
AND EVERY EYE SHALL SEE HIM**

Revelation 1:7

Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

This is not the rapture of the saved. This is the return of the Lord Jesus Christ at the end of the Tribulation Period, coming with the saved to begin His millennial reign. It is identified as the Second Advent. I never doubt the Word of God, but I do doubt the ability of myself, and others, to correctly interpret it. I know that the Word of God is infallible, but I know that men are not. If the Bible says something, I believe it even if I do not understand it, but I enjoy it a great deal more if I understand what I believe. This verse of Scripture says, "And every eye shall see him." How is that possible? This means that survivors in England, Russia, China, Africa, North and South America, and everywhere else will all see him. How is that possible? I know it will happen because the Word says it; but is it possible to understand how within the laws that God has established in his creation? In order to answer these questions, let us examine this verse point by point. We are told "he cometh with clouds." This means all across the earth he will be seen with the clouds. This is certainly consistent with the manner in which he departed from the earth in the Book of Acts.

Acts 1:9-11

And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and A CLOUD received him out of their sight. [10] And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; [11] Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall SO COME IN LIKE MANNER as ye have seen him go into heaven.

In verse 9 we are told that a cloud received Him out of their sight, and in verse 11 we are told that when he returns to rule He will return in like manner as He departed into Heaven. He disappeared in a cloud. He will reappear through a cloud – the great cloud depicted in figure 14. This is His return to rule following the destruction of Daniel's fourth beast with the 11th horn.

Daniel 7:11-14

I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. [12] As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time. [13] I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man CAME WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. [14] And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Please note that the Son of man comes with the clouds of heaven. The meteorological conditions of the great day of the Lord will be similar to the clouds, and their associated gloom, described in the following Scriptures.

Zephaniah 1:14,15

The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. [15] That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

Ezekiel 30:3

For the day is near, even the day of the Lord is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen.

Ezekiel 34:12

As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

Just how will the heavens appear when Jesus returns at the end of the Tribulation Period? Matthew paints the picture of His return in graphic form.

Matthew 24:29-30

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: [30] And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man COMING IN THE CLOUDS of heaven with power and great glory.

I have already described in Birth Pang Numbers 9 and 10 how the gradual building of the great cloud in the stratosphere will engulf the entire outer portion of the earth's atmosphere. This will cause the sun to be darkened and the moon not to give her light. In verse 30 the "sign of the Son of man" will appear in heaven. What is this sign? As the Son of man approaches the outer limits of the earth's atmosphere, His "great glory" of verse 30 will light up the stratospheric cloud around the entire earth, and his glorious light

will spread through it by God's laws of refraction, scattering, and reflection. Every eye on the face of the earth will behold the blinding light of the glory of God in this great cloud. This is the sign of the Son of man in the heaven the Hebrews identified as our atmosphere. The closer Christ moves to the earth, the more brilliant will be the illumination of the cloud band around the entire earth. There will be no night as he returns to reign. He will break through the great cloud over the holy land, and, by the effects of light created by scattering, diffusion, reflection, refraction, inferior mirage, superior mirage, light inversion, and looming through air of differing temperature densities, His bodily presence image will be seen around the globe as he descends towards the Mount of Olives. The Shekinah Glory of God, in the bodily presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, will descend on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem, and the prophecy of Zechariah 12:9-14 will begin to be fulfilled.

Zechariah 12:9-14

And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. [10] And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. [11] In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon. [12] And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; [13] The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart; [14] All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

BIRTH PANG NUMBER 12

WORMWOOD

Revelation 8:10,11

And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; [11] And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

In the three preceding verses of our text, John has viewed the land and sea events fully described in previously issued Birth Pang Numbers 5, 6, and 7. Now his view is shifted upward where he observes a great star falling from heaven. The word used for star is “aster.” It can mean any one of three different things. It can be a fixed star in the heavens such as the North Star, Polaris – or a “shooting” star, better known as a meteor – or a comet. Sometimes meteors and comets are both referred to as “asteroids” by news commentators, just as they often refer erroneously to tsunamis as a “tidal wave.” Since the fixed stars in our universe (except for the sun) are thousands to millions of light years from our planet and, as such, eliminate themselves from consideration as candidates for being Wormwood, this leaves us with only two candidates – a meteor or a comet. In order to select between these two it is necessary to carefully examine John’s description of the characteristics of Wormwood.

Using John’s description, the following statements concerning Wormwood cannot be easily refuted: (1) It burned like a lamp, and the Hebrew lamp had a fuel supply that kept it burning. (2) It fell upon the third part of the earth’s water surface, and yet John did not so much as mention a quiver in the earth’s crust as it struck. He mentions earthquakes time after time throughout the Book of Revelation, but does not mention one occurring as Wormwood strikes the earth. (3) Whatever Wormwood is, it dissolves in water, because the water becomes Wormwood. (4) When it dissolves in man’s water supply it gives the water a bitter taste, and it causes many who drink the water to die.

When a “shooting star” is outside the earth’s atmosphere it is called a meteoroid. When it enters the earth’s atmosphere it is called a meteor. And, if it is large enough to eventually strike the earth’s surface, before burning into ashes, the solid portion that remains is identified as a meteorite. For simplicity I will refer to all three phases as “shooting stars” to avoid confusion.

Shooting stars are made of nickel, iron, and/or stone. Now, let us reason together as to why Wormwood cannot be a shooting star by comparing it with John’s Revelation description.

- (1) A shooting star does not burn like a Hebrew lamp. It does not have a continuous fuel supply. Being a solid it burns out very quickly in a matter of seconds to minutes.**
- (2) If a shooting star large enough to strike one-third of the earth was to make such a contact, the impact of such a solid object would jar the earth to its very foundations, but John reports no such shaking in his vision.**
- (3) Nickel, iron, and stone do not dissolve in water, but the water is said to become Wormwood.**
- (4) Nickel, iron, and stone do not give water a bitter taste, nor or they poisonous. During the course of man’s recorded history, thousands of shooting stars have fallen into local water sources, and yet there has never been a validated report of poisoning recorded.**

One might argue at this point that God could make a shooting star with a continuous fuel supply, which melted instead of burned, dissolved in water, made water taste bitter, and was poisonous to mankind. He doesn’t have to make one, because he made many heavenly bodies long ago that do all of these things – we call them comets. The “aster” of Revelation 8:10 is one of God’s trillions of comets. Why am I so confident that Wormwood is a comet? My reasons are as follows:

- (1) A comet has a continuous fuel supply. As it approaches the sun its fuel supply begins to be released by sublimation, and**

it then moves through the heavens like a great, ever burning lamp.

- (2) If a comet entered the earth's atmosphere it would not burn to ashes, for a comet is composed largely of ice. It would not burn, but would melt by sublimation, and eventually fall as liquid, and a super thick cloud, upon one-third of man's water supply. As the ice melted from a solid into a super thick glob of vapor and liquid, the trillions of pieces of nickel, iron, and stone, embedded in the ice, would be released. The super thick cloud of liquid and vapor would decelerate in his descent toward the earth, but the released solids, being heavier, would be subject to greater gravitation pull, and would proceed to the earth in advance of the cloud, burning in the atmosphere as shooting stars. To an observer on the earth it would appear that all the stars of heaven were falling to earth in advance of the cloud that would eventually settle on one-third of man's water supply. "But in those days after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, [25] And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken." (Mark 13:24,25)
- (3) As the comet passed through the earth's atmosphere during its melting process, it would release methyl cyanide, hydrogen cyanide, and a wide range of cyanogenic poisons, all of which are 100 percent water soluble and have a bitter taste.
- (4) Methyl cyanide, hydrogen cyanide, and cyanogenic gases are extremely toxic, and many would die of the poisoning effects.

Comets originate from a region between our solar system and the nearest stars. There are trillions of comets in this great comet cloud. There appears to be a virtually endless supply of them, for each year new comets are discovered and others go out of existence, victims of the shattering effects of the sun. When earth passes through the old

path of a comet, the small solid particles, which melted off the outer veneer of its icy surface, are intercepted, and meteor showers are produced in our atmosphere. These showers occasionally exhibit as many as a thousand shooting stars per minute falling through the earth's atmosphere.

A comet is one of God's strangest creations. There is nothing quite like it. A comet nucleus is made of solid ice, but it is actually ice made of gases that solidified in the unbelievable coldness of outer space. As the ice ball nucleus approaches the sun, its outer surface begins to pass directly from solid ice to a gas by sublimation, and we earthlings begin to observe its long, gaseous, lamp like tail. A Hebrew lamp, because they did not refine the olive oil, put out a gray trail of smoke when it burned. Figure 18 illustrates how the comet's tail always points away from the sun because of the sun's solar winds.

The black specks on the surface of the comet in figure 17 are small pieces of nickel, iron, and stone that become embedded in the outer layer of ice by contact as the comet makes its long elliptical orbit around the sun and our solar system. These pieces of nickel, iron, and stone are released into its tail along the comet's path when the sun's rays begin to melt the comet, as illustrated in figure 18. Sometimes the gaseous tail of a comet has been observed to extend out to 150 million miles from its nucleus, and over this great distance a trail of small, solid pieces of space debris is laid down in space. Every year, particularly during the late fall and early winter, the earth passes through several comet tails of the past, and dramatic shooting star displays are visible in our atmosphere.

The solid chunk of ice nucleus varies in size, some being less than 20 miles across, while other icy centers are several thousand miles in diameter. When the nucleus comes within the warming rays of the sun it begins to melt, and this produces the coma and tail shown in figure 19. The icy nucleus is composed of hydrogen, helium, carbon,

nitrogen, and oxygen gases in a solid icy state. As the ultraviolet rays of the sun strike this combination of elemental gases, several compounds are produced. Among these gases are methyl cyanide, hydrogen cyanide, and a whole range of cyanogenic poisons. When Russian, Italian, and Japanese satellites went in, around, and over the coma and nucleus of Halley's Comet in 1986, scientists were shocked by the very heavy concentrations of cyanogenic gases that were discovered. The same heavy concentrations have also been observed in all probes of comets since 1986.

I do not know which of the trillions of comets God will select to be Wormwood, but I am certain that Wormwood is a comet. When Wormwood enters the earth's atmosphere it will not burn, it will melt. And, as it goes directly from a solid to a gas, it will release into the earth's atmosphere the aforementioned deadly gases of figure 19. Figure 20 pictures another creation of God described in Ecclesiastes 1:7 – "All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again."

This creation of God, known as the Hydrological Cycle, is the cycle into which the 100 percent water soluble, poisonous gases of figure 21 will be released. God has so designed the earth's atmosphere that the sun's rays cause exposed water surfaces to be turned into a rising gas called water vapor. As the water vapor is set free from its liquid state by evaporation, it rises and cools at the rate of 1 degree centigrade for every 100 meters it is lifted. Continued lifting produces a visible gas structure by condensation, which we call a cloud. Further lifting causes the water vapor to condense on microscopic floating particles in the air and, if they grow heavy enough, they fall to the earth as precipitation. God's comet gases will readily mix with God's water vapor in God's hydrological system to fall as God's deadly precipitation on one-third of the water supply God made for man. The things of God's creation will be used to destroy most of what represents God's most complex

creation – mankind. Once again, I make my continuously repetitious point: God will destroy most of mankind with His creation, not with the creations of mankind.

BIRTH PANG NUMBER 13
CHAPTER 15 –AND FALLING STARS
Revelation 6:12-14

[12] And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; [13] And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. [14] And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

The terrifying scenario associated with verses twelve and fourteen has been fully painted in graphic detail in the preceding chapters of the birth pangs. But please observe verse thirteen, which is so conveniently placed in the midst of this pattern of horror. In the same time frame that earthquakes and volcanic eruptions are producing the effects of verses twelve and fourteen, the stars are observed to fall to the earth.

In Chapter twelve the composition of a comet was outlined. It is basically a great dirty snowball or ice block. In the outer veneer of its icy surfaces there are billions to trillions of pieces of embedded space debris. Most of these tiny pieces of space debris are about the size of a thumbnail, while a few may be hundreds of feet in diameter. They are composed primarily of nickel, iron, and/or stone. As a comet

approaches the sun, its outer ice surface begins to melt, and releases a long trail of condensational gases that seemingly trail it. As the outer veneer melts, many of the pieces of space debris are set free from their icy jail, and are then laid down as long belts of small meteoroids suspended in space. Whenever the earth passes through the meteoroid belts, fantastic displays of thousands of shooting stars fall through its atmosphere, most of which burn into tiny specks of dust before they reach the earth's surface.

The case was made in Birth Pang Number 12 to show Wormwood is definitely a comet. This allows verse thirteen of Revelation, Chapter six, to blend perfectly with the worldwide scenario presented by the verses above and below it. In the midst of worldwide cataclysms of earthquake, fire, smoke, and brimstone, we have the arrival of Wormwood. In Birth Pang Number 12 full attention was given to the poisoning effects of Wormwood, but when it melts in the atmosphere, what happens to the billions of tiny, solid pieces of space debris in its nucleus? The answer is given in verse thirteen. The solid pieces of space debris will not melt like ice, but they will burn. They will fall through the earth's atmosphere as meteors, billions of shooting stars. It will appear that all the stars of heaven are falling to the earth. Of all the billions that fall, only a handful will be large to reach the earth's surface as meteorites. John's description of falling stars is echoed by both Matthew and Mark in their frightening descriptions of end time events.

Matthew 24:29 + Mark 13:24-26

[29] Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and

the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: [24] But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, [25] And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. [26] And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

Hell will come up from below, and parts of the heaven will come down from above. Revelation 6:12-14 is a synopsis, a summary, a preview of what Revelation says will happen for the last three and one-half years of the tribulation period. It is a preview, given at the opening of the sixth seal, as to what will be occurring through the Trumpets and Vials of God. These three verses describe the terror, and verses fifteen through seventeen show its effects upon mankind.

Revelation 6:15-17

[15] And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; [16] And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: [17] For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

BIRTH PANG NUMBER 14 Noisome and Grievous Sores

Revelation 16:2

[2] And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men, which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

This first vial is directly tied to the first trumpet. The trumpets herald (announce) the beginning of seven chronological events, and the seven vials close each of these events. The first trumpet announces the beginning of event number one, and the first vial closes it when its last drop strikes the earth. Previous chapters have fully outlined the series of horrifying events that begin with the blowing of the first trumpet. The great unleashing of thousands of great earthquakes from the sixth seal to the seventh trumpet will be the action of God, and it will eventually lead to the outbreak of noisome and grievous sores in Revelation 16:2. The following Scriptures attest fully that God will shake the earth to its very foundation during the latter part of the Tribulation Period:

Luke 21:11

[11] And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

Malachi 4:1 + Haggai 2:6 + Isaiah 24:1 + 29:6 + 24:19,20

[1] For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. [6] For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; [1] Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof. [6] Thou shalt be visited of the Lord of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire. [19] The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved (torn asunder), the earth is moved exceedingly. [20] The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like

a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.

When the Bible was written mankind believed the world was flat. But God, who made the universe, knew the folly of man's belief, for in Isaiah 40:22 He tells us, "It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth." God knew the earth was circular before man. He also established the invisible forces of the universe that hold the earth in its planetary position. He testifies to this in Job 26:7 by the statement: "and hangeth the earth upon nothing." This circular earth, made by God, and held in space by His invisible powers, will soon be shaken to the very foundation of its gravitational center. God testifies to this unbelievable foundation shaking of the earth's core in Isaiah 24:18 as he states: "For the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake."

When the tectonic plates of the earth begin to readjust themselves to a new balance of geophysical isostasy, there will be a dramatic change in the gravitational core balance of the earth. Isostasy is neither a force nor a process, but the universal tendency to establish balance between the segments of the earth's crust. Its attempt to correct the gravitation imbalance in the plates will cause a disruption from the crust to earth's core. This disruption of the earth's tectonic balance will damage the electromagnetic field. The central core of the earth is solid nickel and iron. The outer core surrounding it is liquid nickel and iron. As the earth spins in space it moves the liquid around the solid core. So we have the solid core rotating as an electric conductor in a magnetic field. God has so constructed the interior of the earth that it operates like a huge generator. This produces electricity in fantastic quantities, which generates a very powerful magnetic field, and that field is God's magnetic field of the earth. The earth's magnetic field is so complex that only God understands the delicate balance which keeps the geomagnetic shield in place around the earth.

Figure 22 portrays the protective magnetic field that God maintains around His planet Earth. The magnetic field is a protective barrier around the earth. The field is constantly being bombarded by many a wide variety of celestial particles and rays. Among the many attacking celestials are cosmic rays, which are strong charged, fast moving particles of hydrogen and helium. They severely damage living cells, and produce horrifying mutations of the skin. If the magnetic field were to be disrupted, all life forms would be subject to a very high dose of cosmic-ray bombardment. Terrible mutations of the skin would naturally occur.

I am convinced that the great shaking of the earth prior to, and during, the pouring of the first vial, will produce the conditions described in Revelation 16:2, the outbreak of noisome and grievous sores upon the flesh. The shift in the magnetic field of the earth will play a part in the fulfillment of Revelation 16:2. The earth's magnetic field has shifted several times during geologic history. Whenever these reversals occur they reduce the earth's magnetic field by about 80%, thereby leaving the earth without it's protective shroud. I believe God will lower his protective magnetic shield to plague the doomed of the earth with flesh mutilation by cosmic radiation.

Thus far we have dealt with only the fantastic shaking produced by earthquakes up to the pouring of the first vial, which leads to surface cosmic ray bombardment. In all reality, this cosmic bombardment will be incidental in production of sores, when compared with the effect of volcanic eruptions produced by the movement of the same tectonic plates. Lord willing, we will show what will produce most of these sores, as we examine trumpet four and vial four in a continuation of this chapter next Friday as BIRTH PANG NUMBER 14A. Destruction of the ozone layer will produce most of the sores.

NASA OZONE HOLE DATA



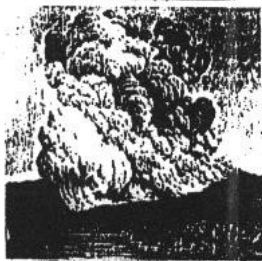
AVERAGE SIZE OF OZONE HOLE

1979 - 2.5 MILLION SQ KM



1984 - 6.0 MILLION SQ KM

1989 - 9.5 MILLION SQ KM



1994 - 23.5 MILLION SQ KM

1999 - 27.0 MILLION SQ KM



2000 - 28.3 MILLION SQ KM

**AND STILL THERE IS NO OZONE HOLE
OVER THE NORTH POLE! AND YET 74%
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IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE.**

BIRTH PANG NUMBER 14A

NOISOME AND GRIEVOUS

SORES

In Birth Pang 14 we dealt with the first trumpet as it relates to the first vial, and how they will produce some of the sores that appear on mankind during the latter portion of the Tribulation Period. We will continue the discussion regarding how the majority of these noisome and grievous sores will be produced. We will do this by dealing with the fourth trumpet and the fourth vial as to how they will affect the flesh of mankind.

Revelation 8:12 + 16:8,9

[12] And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise. [8] And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. [9] And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

The first trumpet and the first vial dealt with things that were “cast upon” and “poured out” upon the earth. This casting and pouring on the earth will produce a reversal of the earth’s geomagnetic field, which will generate the skin plagues of Revelation 16:2. But the fourth trumpet of Revelation 8:12, and the fourth vial of Revelation 16:8, involve the interplay between God’s judgment of man and

His use of the sun He created. When the fourth trumpet sounds, God smites the sun to begin Event Number Four, and then has the fourth vial poured out on it to the last drop to close it. I have already explicated fully in previous chapters on Revelation 8:12. They give a complete explanation regarding the gradual formation of a great cloud shroud by volcanic eruptions. It is this volcanic activity that will eventually allow the sun to scorch men with the great heat of ultraviolet radiation.

God has created a thick layer of ozone in the earth's vast stratosphere. If this layer was not there, man would be scorched with ultraviolet radiation, and annihilated from the earth within a few years. Many scientists still cling to the idea that chlorofluorocarbons are breaking down the stratospheric ozone layer. However, the real culprits are the increasing frequencies of volcanic eruptions. Ozone is a form of oxygen that protects man from the sun's deadly ultraviolet radiation. If this radiation could slip through the ozone layer it would lead to rapid worldwide outbreaks of fast growing skin cancer. A U.S. Geological Survey scientist, Dr. David A. Johnston, missing and presumed dead since the first eruption of Mount Saint Helens, was quoted by Warren E. Leary, and Associated Press science writer as follows:

"Analysis of trapped gas pockets in volcanic and other material indicates molten magmas may contain 20 to 40 times more chlorine than earlier estimates upon which volcanic atmospheric impact had been estimated. This means that the amount of chlorine emitted into the atmosphere could equal more than 100% of the 1975 world production in fluorocarbon chemicals. Johnston said in his

report that volcanic explosions powerful enough to penetrate the stratosphere have been occurring about once a year in recent times. These eruptions shoot hydrogen chloride high enough to reach the ozone layer.”

As a scientist, certified to teach chemistry and physics, I was so certain the ozone layer was being depleted by gases blown vertically into it by volcanoes, that I began to teach and write about it in books published in the late seventies and early eighties. I was so firmly convinced of it that I predicted the ozone hole would continue to grow, even after worldwide elimination of chlorofluorocarbon production by man had occurred. In the early eighties they predicted the ozone hole would decline in size by 1985. When it did not, they said it was due to residual effects. But we were assured it would decrease by 1990. When it did not, they said the residual effects were greater than they had thought, but we would see a small decline by 1995. When it did not decline they kept on riding the same old dead horse, and predicted a thinning by 2000. It is still continuing to grow, and now they say it may not decline until 2020. The ozone hole growth since 1979 is as follows: from very small in 1977 to 500,000 cubic kilometers in 1980, to 10,500,000 in 1986, to 22,000,000 in 1992, to 23,500,000 in 1994, to 27,000,000 in 1999, and to 28,300,000 cubic kilometers in 2000. And still there is no ozone hole over the North Pole, yet 74% of all ozone destroying particles are released in the Northern Hemisphere! But isn't it strange that most of the world's volcanoes are located in the Southern Hemisphere, with many of them south of 60 degrees latitude, while only a handful of volcanoes exist north of 60 degrees latitude.

Please allow me to elaborate why man-made CFC gases are not the culprits responsible for the depletion of the ozone layer over the South Pole:

- 1. 74% of all man-made CFC's are released in the Northern hemisphere. The Long-term vertical circulation patterns of the earth in the Northern Hemisphere demand that the first ozone hole should have appeared over the North Pole – it did not!**
- 2. The CFC gases are heavier than the atmosphere into which they are supposed to be rising, hence they cannot rise to the level of the ozone layer of their own volition.**
- 3. CFC's are washed out of the atmosphere by the precipitation cycle of the troposphere before they could reach the ozone layer.**
- 4. CFC gases, without the direct help of volcanic activity, don't penetrate the restricting worldwide temperature inversion, which begins well below the ozone layer at the tropopause.**

Now, please allow me to exposit why I am confident that volcanic eruptions are responsible for the depletion of the ozone layer over the South Pole:

- (2) The rate increase in major eruptions since 1950 is four times greater than at any time in history.**
- (3) Most vertical eruptions are occurring in the Southern Hemisphere, thereby causing the ozone hole to appear first over the South Pole, rather than the North Pole.**
- (4) Volcanic eruptions forcefully blow different kinds of ozone depleting gases through the tropopause**

- inversion into the ozone layer, bypassing much of the earth's circulation and hydrological patterns.
- (5) There is an active volcano pouring its depleting gases upward into the center of the ozone hole from time to time – Mount Erebus, which is near the South Pole.
 - (6) The growth of the ozone hole has been steadily toward the north over the southern tip of South America, where a thick concentration of active volcanoes exists today.

During the latter part of the Tribulation, thousands of volcanic eruptions, like those in Figure 10, will occur along the dashed lines of figure 3. These eruptions will send staggering amounts of hydrogen chloride, nitric oxides, and other ozone depleting gases into the ozone layer. The resultant breaking down of the ozone layer will allow ultraviolet radiation to pour through onto the inhabitants of the earth. These occupants of the final days of Satan's kingdoms on this planet will be scorched with the great heat of the sun's ultraviolet radiation. Yet they still will not repent toward the God of these plagues that physically destroy them. They will understand the processes that are causing it, but they will not recognize that God is doing it.

Most Christian writers of today spend a lot of effort in trying to work the entire modern day arsenal of man into the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Most make the last day skin plagues attributable to atomic radiation. May I assure you that the ultraviolet and cosmic radiation, which would pour down on the earth's surface if the ozone layer weakened and the magnetic poles reversed, would be

thousands of times deadlier than atomic radiation.

**BIRTH PANG NUMBER 15
THE IDUMEAN WINEPRESS**

Isaiah 34:1-5

[1] Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it. [2] For the indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter. [3] Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcases, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood. [4] And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree. [5] For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment.

There can be little doubt that Isaiah is speaking about one of the events of the latter portion of the Tribulation Period. He speaks of the great slaughter of the nations that will come against the nation of Israel and her great city Jerusalem at the final battle of Armageddon. He further testifies to a heavenly picture of the chaos previously described in many Birth Pang chapters. And then, in verse five, Isaiah gives us a specific location where the great sword of God will streak down from Heaven to cleave asunder the land of Idumea. This country of Idumea is also called Edom in the Scriptures, and any reliable dictionary or commentary locates it between the southern end of the Dead Sea and the northern tip of the Red Sea's Gulf of Aqaba (See figure 23). This section of the earth's crust will suddenly be torn apart by God's power in the latter portion of the Tribulation Period.

It is not by accident that the great north-south crack in the mid-Atlantic, shown in figure 3, continues around the southern tip of Africa, through the Indian Ocean, down the Gulf of Aden, up the Red Sea floor, along both sides of the Gulf of Aqaba, northward across the Araba Desert, along both sides of the Dead Sea and Jordan River Valley, and finally through Lebanon to intersect another east-west fault in Turkey. God will be using this great geological rift fault to fulfill many of His Tribulation Period prophecies.

By observing figure 25, you can visualize how God is rapidly spreading apart the Red Sea fault faster than any other geological fault in eastern Africa or the Middle East. God has been bringing an unbelievable tonnage of red hot, flowing rock called magma upward through this Red Sea crack for a very long period of time. As the liquid rock makes contact with the watercooled Red Sea floor it solidifies into new basaltic crust. This new crust is pushing apart two large tectonic plates: the African and Arabian plates. The crack in the crust of the earth through Idumea is kept locked together by horizontal pressure applied by God in the distant past and, consequently, the hot liquid rock beneath Idumea is kept locked deep beneath the surface. However, the rapid spreading of the crust (to the south of Idumea in the Red Sea) will continue to induce more and more horizontal pressure in the opposite direction of the force that now locks the Idumean section of the fault. In the latter portion of the Tribulation Period the splitting force of the south will exceed the locking force of the north, and the the center of the land of Idumea will suddenly rip apart as if a great sword from heaven had swept down to slash it. When this occurs along a line from the Dead Sea to the Gulf of Aqaba, the land will suddenly become what geologists call a flood basalt plain. It will be a valley filled with flowing blood-red lava at temperatures initially in excess of 2100 degrees Fahrenheit (1200 degrees Celsius), and will be accompanied by all the horrors of a flood basalt plain.

There were no Hebrew words in Isaiah's day for magma pikes, lava intrusions, pyroclastic avalanche clouds, flood basalt plains, etc. So when Isaiah received this vision from God, he used the most descriptive words of his language to fit what he saw. We began this chapter with the terrifying picture of the judgment of God on the nations of the world and Idumea as outlined in Isaiah 34:1-5. Now, bearing in mind that Isaiah did not have our geological jargon of today, let us discover what geologic horror is created in Idumea when God's sword comes down by examining Isaiah 34:8 & 9.

Isaiah 34:8,9

[8] For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion. [9] And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch.

The rift in the earth's crust will remain volcanically active from generation to generation throughout the millennial reign of Christ, but the deep opening itself will be cooled by the waters of the Dead Sea as they move southward to dump their high salt content into the Gulf of Aqaba. This drainage of the Dead Sea will be covered with many Scriptures in great detail in later Birth Pang chapters.

BIRTH PANG NUMBER 16

THE GREAT WINEPRESS OF GOD

Revelation 14:19,20

[19] And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. [20] And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

This particular angel thrusts his sickle INTO the earth. We are advised in verse 20 as to WHERE the sickle makes its earthly penetration; somewhere in Israel “outside the city,” which is the city of Jerusalem. The word used for winepress is “LENOS,” which means: “a trough dug in the earth, a ditch or canal, or anything shaped like a tub.” The winepresses with which John was familiar were rectangular in shape and made of, or dug out of, the rock of the earth. Blood-red wine was made from grapes. The ripe clusters were carried in baskets and thrown into the press. The winepress consisted of a shallow trough built above the ground, or excavated by chipping it out of limestone rocks in the earth. There were also village and household winepresses, but since the one to which John refers is one in a vineyard field, one made by chipping out a rectangular trough in limestone rock, I will limit my discourse to that type. One end of this type was made lower, such that the blood-red liquid from the grapes would flow into it, after being pressed out by the feet of humans in the shallow end. So both the upper and lower sections of the winepress presented a view of a blood-red trough in the crust of the earth.

John, in his vision, looks down upon the earth and, from this aerial view, recognized the city of Jerusalem, a city he had looked down upon many times from the Mount of Olives. He beheld “without” (outside) Jerusalem, to the east, the greatest winepress ever seen by human eyes. He saw a trough (lenos) in the earth 1600 furlongs (185 miles) in length. The opening of the earth caused by the angel’s sickle had caused blood (haima) to come up “out” (ek) of the winepress to a depth of about five feet (“unto the horse bridles”). The Greek word used for blood is haima, which can mean real blood, or any object taking on a blood red color, or any liquid that has a blood-red hue. The Hebrew word for blood is also used to describe a blood-red liquid rather than body blood, as we find stated in Genesis 49:11 – “Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass’s colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:” The moon will not turn to real

blood in the Tribulation Period, but it will take on a blood-red hue, as is described by the use of the word haima in Revelation 6:12 – “And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;” Before this Birth Pang is completed I will carefully pull together everything previously stated, and thereby put together a full exposition of Revelation 14:19,20. But for now I must take time to describe one of the most terrifying creations of God in the distant past: a flood-basalt plain.

In the distant past, six major rifts in the crust of the earth have produced six great basaltic flood plains. These great cleavages of the earth’s crust occurred in zones along the dashed lines of Figure 3. They represent old magma extrusions associated with the initial stages of continental drift. Dr. W. Kenneth Hamblin, in his standard geological text, *The Earth’s Dynamic Systems*, states: “Where the rift system passes beneath a continent, the continental crust is split and great volumes of basalt are extruded and spread out over large areas of the continent. These great floods of lava fill the lowlands and depressions in the existing topography.” The rift system that passes beneath the continent from the Gulf of Aqabah northward through Israel is a prime candidate for the sudden creation of a raging flood basalt plain. The following quoted material, concerning flood basalt plains, was extracted from *Volcano*, volume 2 of A 1982 Time-Life series that examines the workings of the planet earth: “Flood basalts are generated atop the upper mantle. When tension opens fissures in the crust, the fluid magma spurts directly to the surface. The sheer volume of it dwarfs all other volcanic activity: a week long flow can release 360 cubic miles of lava, 10 times the volume of Mount Rainier. Extremely fluid magma suddenly spurts to the surface through a line of hundred of offset dikes, each one as much as 15 miles long and fifty feet wide. The lava from such individual fissures, about five cubic miles per day, is so hot and runny that it speeds down the slightest slope at speeds up to 10 miles an hour, creating a lava sheet as much

as 100 miles wide. A standard textbook notes, “sooner or later they must recur.” This liquid rock can hit the surface at temperatures from 2300 to 2900 degrees Fahrenheit. This is double the temperature required to cremate a human body. At these temperatures, the flesh would disappear from the body before it hit the ground, were it directly exposed to the initial air heat flash surge near the crack through which the magna extruded. All that would remain would be a human skeleton. At the same time that the Mount of Olives cleaves in its midst, and all the land in Israel from Geba to Rimmon is lifted up, what follows will happen to the antichrist’s army in the Jordan River Valley, as indicated in Zechariah 14:3-12.

Zechariah 14:12

[12] And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

At some point in time, near the end of the Tribulation Period, the great rift valley of Israel will suddenly rip open from one end to the other. For a period of time after this ripping a vast flood basalt plain will be created along a 1600 furlough (185 mile) section of the valley. Looking down on it from heaven in his vision it looked like a north-south winepress. It was east of Jerusalem, along the Jordan River Valley, as a long rectangular trough in the crust of the earth filled with blood. Tremendous tectonic changes will completely restructure the entire valley from the Gulf of Aqabah to Lebanon. The fissures will close abruptly at the end of the Tribulation Period from the southern end of the Dead Sea to Lebanon. However, limited volcanic activity will continue south of the Dead Sea, in what once was Idumea, throughout Christ’s Millennial Reign from “generation to generation,” according to Isaiah.

Isaiah 34:8-10

[8] For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion. [9] And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch. [10] It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever.

Now, considering John's description of the great winepress in Revelation 14:19,20, in light of one of God's fantastic creations in the earth, let us compare God's linguistics with God's science. What John saw looked like a great lenos (trough or ditch or canal) about 185 miles long. I call your attention to Figure 24, Part A, which is an excerpt from a 1970 diagram by Dr. Fruend showing both sides of the Dead Sea Rift. The long dashed black lines that run north and south along both sides of the Dead Sea, from the Gulf of Aqabah through Israel, are great fissures in the crust of the earth. These fissures erratically weave down through the crust of the earth to eventually make contact with great undersea lakes of magma. Part A of Figure 24 gives a picture of these fissures as though you were looking down on them from a satellite, while Part B pictures the same fissures as though you were deep within the earth looking northward, and could see their downward progression into the earth. These fissures are where they should be to comply with the description by John. They are "without the city," which is Jerusalem. And the word lenos does fit the characteristics of the Jordan River Valley, which is a great trough in the crust of the earth.

John saw haima come up out the lenos to cover an area some 185 miles long. John viewed a blood-red liquid (haima), which we call lava, spread across the great trough (lenos) to fill what we know as the Jordan River Valley. And the blood-red liquid filled the valley to a depth of about five feet (height of a horse bridle). Please note

that, on Part A of Figure 24, a lone fissure veers off from the main trough, then extends northwest past the Tel of Armageddon, and finally goes on to Haifa, where it meets the Mediterranean Sea. If you measure northward from the northern tip of the Gulf of Aqabah to the point of departure by the fissure that extends to Haifa, you will discover it is 1600 furlongs, or 185 miles. I believe this 185 mile section of the Jordan River trough is the great winepress that John saw filled with a blood-red fluid as he looked down upon the earth in his vision.

Please observe Figure 25. God, for some time, has brought an unbelievable tonnage of hot flowing rock upward into the Red Sea Fault. As this liquid rock makes contact with the water-cooled Red Sea floor, it solidifies into new basaltic crust. This new crust is forcing two great plates, the Arabian and African, to move away from one another at a rapid geological rate. This particular segment is moving faster than others in the Middle East. Please note that, on Figure 25, while the Red Sea section of the fault is spreading rapidly, the great Rift Fault running up both sides of the Jordan Valley, is locked tighter than a drum. Long ago God pushed together these two great tectonic plates, which are separated only by the Jordan Rift Valley between them. God's horizontal pressure fused both sides of the valley floor to these plates, like one would push together two pieces of clay. It is this horizontal pressure that locks the fissures in place and prevents magma from spurting to the surface on both sides of the valley. The locked section, (See Figure 26), is held together by a strong tensional force placed there by God. In the Red Sea section of the rift God is generating a force that is in direct opposition to His tensional force that locks the section through Israel. Tensional forces are building in the Gulf of Aqabah, and soon the southern opposing force will end a long struggle by ripping apart the northern section to form a flood basalt plain. It will be sudden, abrupt, and horrifying. God will suddenly create flood basalt plains 185 miles long that begin at the Gulf of Aqabah, and then extend up to the east end of the Valley of Jezreel. On both

sides of the Jordan River Valley hot fountains of blood-red liquid, now confined by pressure below the fissures of Figure 27, will suddenly shoot hundreds of feet into the air. And a heat flash will blast toward the west to reach the foothills of the mountains of Judea, Samaria, and Galilee, and toward the east to smash against the bluffs of the mountains of Moab and Ammon. I believe Figure 28 is what John saw from the air in Revelation 14:19,20. When the angel, who has authority to say when fire is to be released on the earth, tells the angel that has the sickle to stick it into the earth, then as the sickle goes in, the vine of the of the earth (the antichrist's army) will feel the wrath of God. God does not have to use the creations of man to fulfill his prophecies. As he did in the flood of Noah, he will destroy man "with the earth," but this time it will be fire from the earth, rather than water on the earth.

Revelation 14:18

[18] And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

BIRTH PANG NUMBER 18

The Valley of Decision

JOEL 3:9-16

[9] Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: [10] Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. [11] Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O Lord. [12] Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. [13] Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press

is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great. [14] Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision. [15] The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. [16] The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

Verses nine through eleven describe the final gathering of the Gentile nations for the last great battle of the Tribulation Period, the Battle of Armageddon. Verse twelve identifies a specific valley in Israel where God's sickle will come down hardest in his judgment – the valley of Jehoshaphat. Some biblical expositors of today locate this valley by identifying it as the Kidron Valley between Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives. But I believe this location is in error. Why? This identification was made by Jerome in the fourth century, more than one thousand years after the death of Joel. The valley of Berachah in II Chronicles 20:25-29 is most likely what was identified by Joel as the valley of Jehoshaphat. I believe this to be the case because about one hundred years before the writings of Joel, Jehoshaphat had won a great national victory in this valley over the heathen nations surrounding Israel. Those nations sought to “cut off Israel from being a nation.” This great valley is located between Tekoa and the road from Bethlehem to Hebron. It is a broad, rich vale, watered with copious springs, affording space for the encampment of a great army of men. Oddly enough, it just happens to be located eight miles west of the geological fault that goes down into the underground lakes of magmatic hell.

When the great sickle of verse thirteen plunges into the earth in Israel, the Jordan Valley press will be full and overflowing with vast hoards of mankind whose “wickedness is great.” Verse fourteen outlines the great number as “multitudes, multitudes,” and identifies it as the time of God's final decision on antichrist and his

armies. Verse fifteen describes the effect that the volcanic smoke will have on the heavenly bodies as it collects above Israel. Just as the antichrist believes he has won, with his armies controlling the land from Dan to Beersheva, God will have His angel put in the sickle of Revelation 14:19,20, and the valley of Jehoshaphat, plus the Jordan Valley itself, from the Gulf of Aqabah some 185 miles northward, will become a raging inferno (See Birth Pangs 15, 16, and 16A). Verse sixteen affirms that all of this will be wrought by God to demonstrate He “will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.”

The raging inferno of the Jordan Valley will be what geologists call a flood basalt plain (See Birth Pangs 15, 16, and 16A). It will extend from the Gulf of Aqabah for some 185 miles (1600 furlongs) to the intersection shown with the off-shoot fissure shown on Figure 26 (Click on Figures at top of this Birth Pang). The penetration of this Haifa off-shoot fissure, via Tel Megiddo, into the long north-south Jordan graben, will not allow the ripping action, described in Birth Pang 14A, to tear any further northward than the 1600 furlongs prophesied by John in Revelation 14:20. The temperature of the lava, which will spurt up as fountains of what looks like blood on both sides of the Jordan Valley, will be in excess of 2200 degrees Fahrenheit. The horizontal heat cloud, released from this sudden ripping, will instantly consume human flesh, eyes, and tongues on contact. When you are made aware that Zechariah’s Hebrew word, translated as “plague,” literally means “destruction” or slaughter,” and that his Hebrew word “consume” literally means “melt,” it is much easier to understand how God, and not man’s weaponry, will destroy the people that have fought against Jerusalem in Zechariah 14:1-3. God’s destruction of these people is vividly described in Zechariah 14:12.

Zechariah 14:12

[12] And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

A blast of air, received from being near a sudden basalt eruption, would instantly melt the flesh of a body while it was still standing in place. Most of the antichrist's army will be destroyed, not by man's atomic radiation, but by the surfacing igneous fires of our mighty God. He will sit in judgment in the valley of Jehoshaphat, and his judgment will be a judgment of fire on the evil vine of the earth, which He will cast into his great 1600 furlong winepress.

BIRTH PANG NUMBER 17

CHAPTER 19

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Isaiah 5:14

[14] Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

Most expositors of today's popular religious works go to great lengths to work the weaponry of modern technology into the Scriptures. Ezekiel's wheel within a wheel becomes a flying saucer; John's scorpions become enemy jet aircraft, and his horses are enemy tanks. But expositors of all ages have vainly attempted to work the weaponry of their age into God's word, and all have been in error. Please do not misunderstand. I am certainly aware there will be a great Battle of Armageddon, and I realize a large percentage of mankind will be killed by his own weaponry. And also please understand that some passages in the Scriptures may

well refer to man's weaponry of the last days, but I am simply saying it has been greatly overplayed. The vast majority of mankind killed in the world, even during the Battle of Armageddon, will not be by man's hand, but rather by God unleashing the natural forces of His creation. God will destroy man "with the earth."

Isaiah 5:14 portrays red hot liquid rock from hell pouring out upon the surface of God's earth. Hell literally enlarges itself by expanding out onto the surface of the earth as God opens the deep mouths in the crust of it (Shown as dashed lines in Figure 3). Hell will flow upward to the surface of the earth without measure. Today many modernistic theologians believe hell is a mystical, spiritual place somewhere in the mind, a spiritual concept, rather than an actual place of fiery torment. But hell is a real, literal place of fire and liquid hell in the interior of the earth, where the departed souls of all the lost are kept until the Great White Throne Judgment of Revelation 20:11-15. And, where these great interior lakes of liquid rock exist, it is dark as pitch and hot as hell. I believe God has confined the souls of the dead, who died in a lost condition, to these underground liquid lakes of hell. I know that God does confine spiritual beings to material places. One such example is found in Revelation 9:14.

Revelation 9:14

[14] Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.

Angels are certainly spiritual beings, and the Euphrates River is certainly a literal, physical place. If you want personal proof, then look in a mirror. Inside that literal, physical, material body is confined a spiritual soul that is confined to live there until physical death occurs. Amos identifies the literal hell as a place you reach by digging downward.

Amos 9:2

[2] Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down:

Proverbs portrays hell as existing in the earth beneath our feet.

Proverbs 15:24

[24] The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.

Isaiah indicates that hell is located such that it must be moved upward from beneath to meet someone coming down from the earth's surface.

Isaiah 14:9

[9] Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

The earth itself is the bottomless pit that enshrouds a literal interior hell of hot, liquid rock. And it is the upward extension of this hell upon the surface of the earth that will destroy most of the antichrist's army. (See Birth Pang Numbers 8, 15, & 16)

I call your attention to Part A of Figure 24. Please note that God has very conveniently created a major fault line that runs as an offshoot from the Jordan River Valley northwestward toward Haifa. The placement of this offshoot fissure is very interesting in regards to the Battle of Armageddon. The fault line runs directly through, and under, a great valley extending from Wadi el Yabis on the Jordan River to Haifa. This great valley, through which it extends, actually consists of two valleys linked together, the lower valley being known as the Valley of Jezreel. Near the place where these two valleys meet, on the south face of its southern bluff, sets the Tel of Megiddo, Armageddon. The two valleys are often erroneously

called the Valley of Armageddon. It is in this valley where the hottest battle of this Gentile Age will be waged. At the same time that God rips apart the Jordan Valley, to create a raging flood basalt plain in the Jordan Valley from the Gulf of Aqabah northward to the place the Jezreel intersects the Jordan plain, the fissure from that point, which extends northwestward to Haifa, will tear in several places to produce cinder cone eruptions along it. This will not be nearly as bad as what happens to antichrist's army in the flood basalt zone, but it will kill a large number of his troops

BIRTH PANG NUMBER 19

God Slowly Forms a Great Valley

Micah 1:3-4 -- [3] For, behold, the Lord cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth. [4] And the mountains shall be molten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, and as the waters that are poured down a steep place.

These verses of Micah figuratively picture melting topography and spreading valleys beneath the feet of the lord. The word used for "cleft" is "baqa," which is the same word used for "cleave" in Zechariah 14:4 to describe the formation of a very great valley through the Mount of Olives at the end of the Tribulation Period. It means "to break, rend, rip up, make a breach, separate, split, cut out, break through or into, or to divide." The same God who inspired this Scripture has, for a very long time, been bringing molten rock upward through a crack in the crust of southeastern Africa. And, as this molten rock has cooled to form new crust, it has caused the crack to spread apart into a very great valley, a valley that is cleaving apart "as wax before the fire." This great rift valley is shown in Figure 25 (Click on "Figures" at the top of this Birth Pang). The same God who is spreading apart the Red Sea floor is also slowly spreading apart southeastern Africa at the same time.

Please note the great African Rift Valley in Figure 30. At times, God works very slowly, as He has to create this great valley. However, Peter informs us that “one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.” The same God who has formed the great African Rift Valley of Figure 30 over a long period of time can, abruptly and without warning, create such a valley in less than a day. This is how a somewhat smaller, but similar, valley will be generated suddenly through the Mount of Olives in less than an hour.

Of particular interest in Figure 30 is the location of the Afar Triangle at the juncture of three rift valleys: the Red Sea, Aden, and African rift cracks in the earth's crust. This juncture is called a “triple point” in geological jargon. These three large pieces of the earth's crust (Identified as the African, Arabian, and Somalian Plates in Figure 30) are slowly spreading apart from one another and, in the wake of their movement, are leaving behind a sinking depression in the crust of the earth, a depression identified as the Afar Triangle or Depression. The Afar Depression has not always existed. At one time it was merely a structural weakness in the crust of the earth where converging intersections of faults were made at angles which approached the perpendicular. But a tremendous shaking and upheaval in the earth's crust at these intersections caused the formation of an active triple point depression at their juncture, and the spreading, particularly northward toward Israel, has been the most active on the Red Sea floor. The geological history of this rift structure, in chronological sequence, is as follows: (1) First the Gulf of Aden begin to rip apart, (2) Then the African Rift began to spread, (3) Then the Red Sea Floor began to actively spread, (4) Then the Gulf of Suez torn apart from the Sinai, and finally, (5) The Gulf of Aqabah (Eilat) torn away from the Arabian Plate. The next section that will rip apart is the land of Israel from Eilat to the intersection of the Plain of Jezreel with the Jordan River

Valley, a distance of some 1600 furlongs (185 miles). For a full exposition of this ripping of the Jordan River Valley go back to Birth Pang Numbers 15 and 16, along with all their associated Figures.

At the present time there exists a pattern of normal faults in the Jerusalem area similar to those that led to the initial formation of the Afar Depression. I believe that, when God rips open the Arabah fault northward for 185 miles, the associated shaking and upheaval in the earth's crust will produce a small Afar like depression on the eastern lee of the Mount of Olives. For want of a better name, I will refer to it as the Zechariah Triangle or Depression. Lord willing, Birth Pang Number 20, Chapter 22, will be devoted to a description of this future depression and its relationship to the cleaving of the Mount of Olives.

Zechariah 14:3-5 -- [3] Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. [4] And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. [5] And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

BIRTH PANG NUMBER 20

God suddenly Makes a Great Valley

In Chapter 21 we observed how God slowly formed a great valley over a very long period of time. In this Chapter we shall observe how God forms another great valley in a very short period of time.

Zechariah 14:4-5 -- [4] And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. [5] And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

The word used for “cleave” is “baqa,” which means to break, rend, rip up, make a breach, separate, split, cut out, break through or into, or to divide. A valley itself is often referred to as a cleft (baqa), such as the Beqa Valley in Lebanon. The context of these verses leaves little doubt that the Lord intends to form a great cleavage valley in the “midst” of the Mount of Olives. It is also quite clear, from the linguistics of verse four, that it will not merely be a narrow ravine, but rather “a very great valley.” It will be sufficiently wide for multitudes of Jews to flee through it. The Hebrew word used for “midst” in verse four, in this particular context, means “to divide, to reach to the midst.” This word does not have to mean dead center or exactly half way, as the following Scriptures, where it is used, attest:

Psalm 102:24 -- [24] I said, O my God, take me not away in the MIDST of my days: thy years are throughout all generations.

Jeremiah 17:11 -- [11] As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the MIDST of his days, and at his end shall be a fool.

The Bible indicates a normal lifespan of seventy years for a human. You can see, from the preceding Scriptures, that if a man were to die between thirty and forty, he would have left the land of the living in the MIDST of his days. The word used for “midst” does not require that the Mount of Olives cleave precisely in the center. The Scripture merely indicates that a division will be effected in the middle section of the mountain.

May I now direct your attention to Figure 31. The two dashed black lines (oriented west to east and labeled “X” and “Y”) indicate normal faults in the upper crust of the earth. As you can see, they pass north and south of Jerusalem on a converging track toward the Mount of Olives. These normal faults are not there by accident. I am persuaded they have been created there by God and, at His command, will collapse to fulfill Zechariah’s prophecy. Please note that fault X intersects the northern flank of the Mount of Olives, while fault Y passes through its southern end. That section of the Mount of Olives between X and Y is the MIDST of the mountain, and is the section that will collapse and sink downward when God issues His command. These two normal faults pass through the Mount of Olives, and then make contact with a series of north to south faults that exist along the eastern lee of the mountain. In this zone, where the intersection of east-west & north-south faults occurs, a structural weakness like the Afar Depression will be generated in the earth’s crust when violent earthquakes are

occurring in the Jordan River Valley (See Birth Pang 19, Chapter 21 and associated Figures). The center of this geological weakness zone is on the eastern side of the mountain, approximately four thousand cubits (six thousand feet) directly east of the Jerusalem Eastern Gate.

The old city of Jerusalem sets atop Cenomanian and Turonian limestone, a rock strata that will safely support the largest structures. One might naturally suppose, that just across the narrow Kidron Valley, you would find the Mount of Olives composed of a duplicate rock strata. However, its slope betrays its actual geological composition, for it is made of Cenomanian chalk - the same type of chalk that crumbles into a thousand pieces when it falls from a blackboard railing. I believe God deliberately formed it of chalk. When its northern and southern ends divide from its middle section, the entire middle section will sink downward and crumble into billions of pieces of chalk. This geological transformational process is shown in Parts A and B of Figure 32. Such a downward slippage process has been used many times in the past by God to form large fault block valleys around the globe.

When the critical force, holding the Arabah Fault together, is finally exceeded by the force spreading apart the Red Sea, (See Figure 25), then the Arabah fault will suddenly rip open from the Gulf of Aqaba northward for about 185 miles. The resultant fantastic earthquakes produced in Israel will cause: (1) A new triple point depression to be formed with a center about four thousand cubits east of the Eastern Gate of the old city of Jerusalem, (2) Everything between points X and Y on Figure 32 to sink downward and crumble, (3) The remaining northern half of the Mount of Olives (the section north of point X) to move northward on a newly created Gaza Plate, (4) The remaining southern half of the Mount of Olives (the section south of point Y) to move southward on the newly created Sinai Plate, and (5) the Jericho Valley to rip open southwestward from the Jordan River to the new triple point

depression I call Zechariah's Triangle. Figure 32 (looking eastward from the old city of Jerusalem) illustrates the horizontal sequence of events as they affect the Mount of Olives before and after the cleavage. Figure 33 portrays the overall local area action as if you were viewing it from a point about three miles above the ground thirty miles west of Jerusalem. The spring and river system shown in Figure 33 will be discussed in future chapters. Figure 34 shows the effect

BIRTH PANG NUMBER 21 God Forms a Dry Highway

Isaiah 11:15,16 -- [15] And the Lord shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dryshod. [16] And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

In Isaiah's day the "tongue of the Egyptian Sea" is what we identify as the Gulf of Suez, a northern extension of the Red Sea that slithers between Egypt and Sinai like a long wet tongue. Since Isaiah's writings man has dug out a northern extension of the "Egyptian Sea" to link the Mediterranean and Red Seas together. This extension is known as the Suez Canal. The two words "utterly destroy" come from "charam," which means "to be cut off" or "to shut up." We are advised by God, through the prophet Isaiah, that He intends to completely shut-up the waters of what we identify today as the Suez Canal. He will do so by crushing the western and eastern banks together by movement of two tectonic plates.

In Birth Pang Number 18, Chapter 20, the division of the Mount of Olives into two remaining halves was described, with one half being carried northward on the extreme southern edge of a newly created Gaza Plate, while the other half drifted south on the northern tip of

a newly formed Sinai Plate (See Figure 33). In Figure 34 you may observe the consequences of the movement of the Sinai Plate as it floats southward on an underground liquid sea of magma. As the southward drift occurs, the Sinai Plate will be jammed against the massive African Plate. Dry land will crunch against dry land, and the “tongue of the Egyptian Sea” will be “completely shut-up.” It will be possible to walk across this area on dry land throughout the millennial reign of Christ.

When the expression “the river” is used in Hebrew, if there is no context above or below to identify it specifically, always means the Euphrates River. The term “the river,” found above in verse fifteen, is “hannahar,” and it applies to the Euphrates River. When it states that the Euphrates should be smitten “in the seven streams,” the Hebrew construction does not mean that it was already existing as seven streams, and that God smites all seven. Instead, it states that God shall smite a single river and, when he has performed that action, it will have divided it into seven streams. That single river is none other than the massive Euphrates River. This drying up of the great Euphrates is also echoed by John in Revelation.

Revelation 16:12 -- [12] And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

We are advised in verse sixteen that the drying up of the great Euphrates creates a dry highway, a highway for the millennial return of Israelite tribulation survivors from lands east of the Euphrates. The latter portion of this verse also indicates that the dry highway will extend into Egypt. The “Israel” of verse sixteen represents the descendants of the man Jacob, hence the personal pronoun “he” is used, even though it refers to the entire nation that came forth from him through his twelve sons. When the nation of Israel “came up out of the land of Egypt,” God parted the waters of

the extreme northern extension of the Red Sea, the extension that Isaiah identified as “the tongue of the Egyptian Sea” in 700 B.C., but which is identified as the Gulf of Suez today. On the day Israel crossed the “yam cuwph” extension of the Red Sea, while fleeing from the Egyptian Pharaoh, it could be said that God created a highway of dry land from Egypt to Assyria. But God closed his dry land bridge to destroy the Pharaoh’s mighty army with a flood of closing walls of water, however, the dry land bridge he describes in Isaiah will last a thousand years.

Because of the drying up of the Euphrates, and the shutting up of the Suez Canal, it will be possible to walk all the way from Egypt to Assyria without passing through waters that cannot be waded in sandals. When God jams the Sinai Peninsula against the extreme northeastern tip of Africa, a sea-free highway will be created, a highway that will last for a thousand years. Two great continents, the African and the Eurasian, will be fused together by God. Throughout the millennial reign of Christ the many nations of these massive continents will move up and down this dry land bridge to worship Christ in Jerusalem, the new capital of the world. The commerce of Africa will flow through Israel to Eurasia, and the products of Eurasia will flow through to Africa. Israel will sit at the crossroads of the world’s land and sea commerce. She will be the center of the world. God will destroy those who came against Jerusalem during the Tribulation Period. And the city of Jerusalem will be the place where all the nations of the world come up to worship the King of kings, Jesus Christ, the Messiah of Israel.

Zechariah 14:2,3,16 -- [2] For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. [3] Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. [16] And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came

against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Luke 1:30-33 -- [30] And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. [31] And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. [32] He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: [33] And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Daniel 7:13,14,27 -- [13] I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. [14] And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. [27] And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

BIRTH PANG NUMBER 22
God Smites the Great Euphrates

Isaiah 11:15,16 -- [15] And the Lord shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dryshod. [16] And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

Revelation 16:12 -- [12] And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

In Birth Pang Number 21, Chapter 23, proof that “the river” of verse 15 is the great Euphrates River was fully expositied. We were advised that God will smite it and, as a result, it will be subdivided into seven smaller streams. The question then arises as to the geographical location on the Euphrates that will be smitten by God. At what point will God strike the Euphrates to dry up the southern part, and turn the northern section into seven smaller streams? I call your attention to Figure 35 for the answer to this question.

The same God who inspired this Scripture has created a long zone of structural weakness in the crust of the earth – a weakness that extends from the upper headwater tributary of the Jordan River system across Syria to near El Rashid on the Euphrates River. This structural weakness consists of the an elongated area of major faults and folds in the earth’s known as the Palmyra belt. Please observe on Figure 35 that this belt of folds and faults links the northern Jordan and Euphrates Rivers together.

The Euphrates is one of the greatest carriers of topsoil silt on the face of the earth. It tears it from Turkish mountainsides and carries it through the Fertile Crescent of Syria and Iraq into the Persian Gulf. The land delta of the Persian Gulf is one of the fastest growing deltas on the earth. This growth is produced by massive influxes of silt carried into the Persian Gulf by the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers.

Isaiah indicates that God will smite the Euphrates into seven sub-streams. This will occur in the zone of the earth that begins on the Euphrates in the vicinity of El Rashid, Syria, and then continues southwestward into extreme northern Israel near Dan. When the Arabah fault (See Figure 25) is ripped open from the Gulf of Aqabah to Lebanon, the fantastic shaking will cause the Palmyra fault zone to collapse, and the Euphrates River will be diverted

across this crumbled zone of rock and earth to link up with the northern headwaters of the Jordan.

Whenever a sediment carrying river moves into a zone with more sediment than it can carry due to deceleration, then it invariably produces what geologists call “a braided river.” A braided river is the division of a single river into many streams. Isaiah counted seven. Seven streamlets will weave their way southwestward through the newly formed cracks in the Palmyra

Weakness, and will eventually feed into the northern tributary system of the Jordan River. It will be what geologists refer to as “headwater piracy”—piracy by the Jordan upon the Euphrates.

The additional waters, fed into the Jordan River system, will add more water and topsoil than Israel can use during the millennial reign of Christ. Israel will become the breadbasket of the world.

We are advised by John in Revelation 16:12 as to the effects of this massive water diversion into the upper Jordan. The section of the Euphrates to the east of Israel will go dry. It will then be possible for the kings of the east to wade in sandals any water lying before them on their way to Israel. Figure 36 shows the combined effects of the drying up of the Euphrates, and the Idumean opening of a Jordanian drainage through the Arabah desert into the Red Sea. (See Birth Pang Numbers 15 and 16)

BIRTH PANG NUMBER 23

God Restructures the Jordan Valley

Micah 1:3,4

[3] For, behold, the Lord cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth. [4] And the mountains shall be molten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, and as the waters that are poured down a steep place.

In chapters seventeen through twenty-four we discussed the ripping apart of the Jordan River Valley, the creation of a vast flood basalt plain in the wake of its ripping, the division of the Mount of Olives, the destruction of Idumea, the diversion of the Euphrates, and the shutting up of the tongue of the

Egyptian Sea. Now we find Micah's figurative picture of a great geologic horror wrought by the power of God. This figurative description, of God's ability to change the topography of His earth, will be literally portrayed in His unbelievable transformation of the Jordan Valley. The most devastating changes, on the face of His earth, will occur through this great fault block valley, which extends northward through Israel and Lebanon. This great valley is identified as the Arabah Fault on Figure 25 (See Birth Pang Figure menu above).

As you can see on Figure 27, this valley consists of a block of earth held in place by the pressure of two tectonic plates pushing horizontally against it. Deep within this great block of rock and earth there exists a vast lake of hot, liquid rock. Within, and below, this undersea lake of magma, there is a vertical pressure pressing upward on the block. Only the greater horizontal tectonic pressures restrain the block from lifting, and the liquid rock from rising through the cracks on both its sides. When the horizontal pressure is suddenly released erratically along the faults on both sides of the block, then magma will shoot forth on the surface as great lava fountains. But while this is occurring, large sections of the block will be in a massive up and down motion. This upheaval will continue for some length of time, but will finally stabilize to produce a completely restructured Jordan River Valley. The changes anticipated to occur are portrayed in Figure 37.

From the Gulf of Aqabah to the southern tip of the Dead Sea the great fault block will subside as the plates spread apart. After the surface lava cools in this area, a narrow riverbed will exist in its center from the Dead Sea to the Gulf of Aqabah. At the southern tip of the Dead Sea a new elevation of about 200 feet above mean sea level will slope southward to sea level at the Gulf of Aqabah. From the southern tip of the Dead Sea northward to Lebanon the block will be lifted by sub-surface magmatic pressure and, while the lifting is occurring, springs of lava will spurt up along both sides of the block.

Once massive lifting has occurred, horizontal readjustment pressure will lock the block into a new, much higher, elevation above sea level. The portion of the block, upon which the Dead Sea lies, will be lifted such that the Dead Sea, now about 1300 feet below sea level, will have a new sea surface approximately 300 feet above mean sea level (See Figure 38). From southern Lebanon to the Syrian Border there will be expansion and subsidence as shown in Figure 37, and from the Syrian border to northeastward to the

Euphrates River there will be massive rifting and subsidence through the Palmyra folds and faults.

All of these fantastic horizontal and vertical adjustments in the valley will produce a new Jordan River system, a system planned, prophesied, and created by God. As the lava cools, and the isostasy balance returns to the Jordan Valley block, one will discover a new river system forming into what Figure 36 depicts. The headwaters of the Jordan River system will begin in Turkey, flow across northern Syria into northern Israel, move slowly through the Idumean rift, and finally empty into the Gulf of Aqabah. The Euphrates River will be diverted from A to B on Figure 36, and the Arabah Fault will be opened from C to D. What we know now as the Dead Sea will gradually become an inland lake as most of its salt content drains slowly southward into the Red Sea, and its waters will be used to make the deserts of Israel blossom as the rose.

**BIRTH PANG NUMBER 24
God Lifts His Land and His City**

Zechariah 14:10

[10] All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses.

Because of its exacting detail as to the section of land that would be lifted up, this is perhaps the most remarkable geological prophecy in the Old Testament. We are advised that, along a line from Geba to Rimmon (See Figure 39), God intends to produce a fantastic geological transformation of the landscape. When this violent transformational action is completed, there will be a plain like zone from from Geba to Rimmon and, at the same time, a lifting movement will have elevated the two hills of western Jerusalem. This Scripture indicates that all of the land, immediately to the west of the line from Geba to Rimmon (See Figure 39), will be “lifted up” to a higher elevation, while all the land, immediately to the east of

this line, will be lowered to form what appears “as a plain.” The lifting of the land from Geba to Rimmon will include the city of Jerusalem. The sections west of the Tyropoeon Valley will be lifted up, and those sections to the east will collapse into a plain (See Figure 40).

The prophet Zechariah knew nothing about the existence of the many structural weaknesses in the crust of the land of Israel, nor did anyone else in his day. There was only one being who did, the God who made the earth. The same God, who inspired Zechariah to write of this event, placed a structural weaknesses in the crust of the earth from Geba to Rimmon long before the prophets were born. It was an appropriate type of weakness; one that went up and down in response to shakings in the earth. It is only within the last century that men have begun to understand how this particular type of mechanism works in the earth’s crust. Within the last 50 years, geologists uncovered a structural weakness, within the crust of the earth, that passes through Jerusalem on its run from Geba to Rimmon. It is a structural weakness, embedded within the Judean Folds, and has a long history of upwarping. This upwarping zone is known as the Shekhem Syncline, which is one of the lineaments within the Levantine faulting and upwarping system of the Holy Land. Along the part of this lineament, that extends from Geba to Rimmon, there is a historical pattern of lifting to the west of it, and of downwarping to the east of it.

Concerning the uplifting and downfaulting, along the Shekhem Syncline, and the Jordan-Arabah Rift Valley, Horowitz, in his 1979 text, “The Quaternary of Israel,” states: “It should be noted that the age of uplifting and upwarping is synchronous with the age of major downfaulting of the Jordan-Arava Rift Valley, and the opening of the Bay of Elat. It seems, therefore, that these two lineaments acted simultaneously, but in opposite directions.” When violent upwarping begins along the line from Geba to Rimmon, then

a simultaneous downfaulting to its east will occur through the Mount of Olives.

God has been lifting and lowering large sections of the earth's crust, across the entire earth, along these types of weaknesses, for many centuries. It was along a weakness like this that the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range of California was formed (See Figure 41). I believe the immediate land sections, west of a line from Geba to Rimmon, will be lifted like fault block mountains, and the land, immediately to the east of it, will collapse into a narrow valley plain. Please note the two mile high fault scarp in Figure 41. The fault scarp in Israel will not be nearly as high, perhaps ranging from increases of 500 to 2500 feet in height.

Please observe, in Figure 40, the upwarping structural weakness line that separates the two western hills of Jerusalem from its three eastern hills. This topographical feature is known as the Tyropoeon Valley. The zone "from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses" is that section of land which includes the two western hills of Jerusalem. It is not by accident that this structural line of weakness extends north to south directly behind where Solomon's Temple was located. If you visit Jerusalem, go north through the Dung Gate and walk straight north until the Wailing Wall is visible to your right. Then turn and face west, with your back to the Wailing Wall. You will be facing a fault scarp that has been lifted many times in the past. Soon it will be lifted again when great earthquakes ripple through the Jordan Valley.

When the critical pressure is reached in the Gulf of Aqabah (See Figure 25), then the Arabah Fault will rip open northward across Israel. It will generate the greatest earthquakes and topographical transformations in recorded history.

Revelation 16:18,19

[18] And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. [19] And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

The structural weakness from Geba to Rimmon, with its branch through the Tyropoeon Valley, will undergo massive uplifting to its west, and downfaulting to its east. This prophecy will soon be fulfilled by the God who led Zechariah to write it. Figure 42 visually displays the city of Jerusalem after the lifting has occurred. The exposed bluff, created by the uplifting, is what geologists call a fault scarp. There will be a massive fault scarp extending all the way from Geba to Rimmon.

During earthquake activity down through the ages, God has created thousands of fault scarps across the surface of His earth. In this instance God has chosen to give us the exact location where He will perform His handiwork. And he has told us thousands of years before he does it.

Ezekiel 38:19,20

[19] For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; [20] So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

Zechariah 14:4,5

[4] And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. [5] And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

**BIRTH PANG NUMBER 25
God Forms a Spring on a Temple Mount**

Ezekiel 47:1

[1] Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar.

Birth Pang Number 24 ended with the creation of the fault scarp shown in Figure 42 (click on Figures above). God has been creating thousands of fault scarps, just like this one, all across the earth since the dawn of creation. Figure 42, in the lower right hand corner, pictures an extract, from a standard geological text, that shows a normal fault scarp. Please note that God has been using fault scarps for countless centuries to produce springs of water. The text states: "A fault line is sometimes indicated on the surface by a succession of springs which emerge along the line of displacement." It was not by accident God made a basic limestone formation as the first one thousand feet of rock strata under Jerusalem. Limestone is the perfect rock for the generation of beautiful, clear springs, when uplifting of limestone layers occurs.

When rain falls upon limestone it forms a weak, carbonic acid, which slowly eats away at the basic composition of limestone, so that the water permeates downward through the limestone. It is this process which eventually forms vast underground water reserves and streams on top of impermeable rock layers below the limestone. The topography of Jerusalem and its environs is one of permeable limestone over impermeable rock layers. This karst type of landscape has produced a system of underground water reserves and streams. This system slopes downward from the middle ridge of the Judean Mountains eastward under the city of Jerusalem. It is the watershed zone for the springs in and around Jerusalem. The royal cistern of Solomon's Temple, which now underlies the courtyard immediately to the north of the Dome of the Rock, is supplied by permeation and limestone springs. This system is only a part of a vast underground water supply stretching north, west, and south of Jerusalem. Sorek Cave is located just fifteen miles west of Jerusalem within the Avshalom Reserve. Permeation of water downward has created this great limestone cave, and upon the floor of this great cavern are pools of clear water. These types of underground water reservoirs exist all across the earth's surface. Figure 43, from a geological text by Tarr shows the immergence of springs at the surface from underground reservoirs. In his text, *New Physical Geology*, Tarr states: "Water percolating through soluble rock, like limestone, dissolves the rock along joint planes and bedding planes. This often results in the formation of long, irregular, underground valleys, or caverns, such as the Mammoth Cave in Kentucky. In such places much of the drainage is underground. There are large surface streams and few tributaries, the chief water supply coming from the springs that bring the cavern water to the surface." There are numerous springs to the immediate south, west, and north of Jerusalem, as well as one under it, and another under the old city of David.

Figure 42 shows the exposed scarp (or bluff) generated by the lifting along the line through the Tyropoeon Valley. This lifted zone

consists of layer after layer of permeable limestone, and at its base is a thick layer of impermeable flint and hard dolomite. When this layer of permeable limestone is lifted, its water zone, flowing above the flint and dolomite, will suddenly burst forward as a limestone spring just to the north of the Dome of the Rock. This is the spring of Ezekiel 47:1. Figure 44 shows the geological formation that will exist after the lifting. There will be a continuous feeding of meteorologically stored water into the system throughout the millennial reign of Christ. As rain falls upon uplifted western Jerusalem, and its Judean watershed, it will seep slowly downward through the limestone to constantly re-supply a great invisible reservoir perched above an impermeable layer of rock. This is quoted from a standard earth science text, concerning this type of spring: “However, one type of hillside spring is likely to flow continuously. This is a spring formed at the zone of contact between permeable and impermeable rocks. Water filters down through the permeable rock and comes to the surface on a hill side when it meets the impermeable rock layer.” The Bible indicates Ezekiel’s spring will flow continuously throughout the millennial reign of Christ, and this is exactly what happens when strata, like that under Jerusalem, is lifted.

There are some commentaries that identify the waters found in Ezekiel 47 as “spiritual” waters, not literal waters. But this is not the case, for we are told in this chapter that: (1) the waters empty into a river, (2) the river empties into a salty sea, (3) the fresh water eventually removes most of the salt, and (4) fish will live in the freshened water. I have great difficulty in accepting “spiritual” water that has “physical” fish living in it.

Once the spring has been formed, the remnant of Israelites, which God brought through the Tribulation Period, will see the spring where Solomon’s Temple once stood. They will take the blueprint narrative instructions, contained after chapter 39 in Ezekiel, and will build the Millennial Temple such that the waters will issue out

“from under the threshold of the house eastward,” and such that they come “down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar.”

BIRTH PANG NUMBER 26

God Digs a River Bed

Ezekiel 47:2-5

[2] Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side. [3] And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ancles. [4] Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins. [5] Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.

These are the literal, physical waters that will flow out of the Temple, which will be built in Jerusalem immediately following the Second Advent during the Millennial Reign of Christ. As is typical of springs that suddenly surface from karst topography, when one walks away from the spring source, he or she notes that it becomes wider and deeper. Like many other springs, as the water flows away from its source to cut a “V” shaped valley through limestone strata, it will eventually be fed by side springs from the limestone water table along the lower sections of the “V.” This feeding by subterranean springs, from the water table source, will eventually cause the millennial spring to become wider and deeper as one walks eastward through the Eastern Gate of the new Temple (See Figure 45). It is basically no different from thousands of other limestone springs that God has formed in altered topography – springs that

bubble forth, and then keep getting wider and deeper as they obey gravity along a path of least resistance, eventually flowing into a larger stream, creek, bayou, marsh, or river.

As you may observe on Figure 45, the actual cubit measurement begins at the “utter gate” of the newly built millennial Temple. The measurement of four thousand cubits, or six thousand feet, carries us directly through the valley created by God at the end of the Tribulation Period when he split the Mount of Olives. The stream will flow between the two divided sections and, on the opposite side of the Mount of Olives, a dramatic hydrologic change suddenly occurs at the end of four thousand cubits, which is a great change in the depth of the stream. The increase in depth is very gradual for almost four thousand cubits, going from the ankles, to the knees, and to the thighs. But suddenly, at the end of the six thousand feet, Ezekiel encounters a river he could not pass over except by swimming. I am convinced this great river is the diverted Jordan River.

When God rips open the Arabah Fault, shown in Figure 25, the Jericho Valley will be opened as a riverbed from north of Jericho to the point four thousand cubits east of the present Golden Gate of Jerusalem. When this opening of the Jericho Valley occurs, the Jordan River will be dammed temporarily by massive landslides in its central portion, but will eventually flow southward into its newly created riverbed, finally to link with the end of Ezekiel’s spring stream. All of this may seem to be unbelievable, but let me assure you this has occurred before in God’s creation, as the quote from this 1692 earthquake report attests: “But the greatest violence was among the mountains and rocks. Most of the rivers were stopped for twenty-four hours by the falling of the mountains; till, swelling up, they made themselves new channels, tearing up trees, and all they met in their passage. A great mountain split, and fell into the level ground, and covered several settlements, and destroyed the people there.” The Jordan River itself has been dammed up before

on several occasions by earthquake landslides. But this time it will be the greatest earthquake upheaval Israel has ever known, and the Jordan will be diverted permanently to link with Ezekiel's stream.

Ezekiel 38:19,20

[19] For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; [20] So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

Revelation 16:18-20 + 11:13-15,18 + I Corinthians 15:52

[18] And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. [19] And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. [13] And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. [14] The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly. [15] And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. [18] And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth. [52] In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (I Corinthians 15:52)

BIRTH PANG NUMBER 27
Chapter 29 – God Divides the Great City

Revelation 16:18,19

[18] And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. [19] And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

Birth Pang Numbers 2 and 3 contained a lengthy exposition of Revelation 16:18-21. Therefore, to preclude repetitions, I will attempt to limit myself, as much as possible, to verse 19, but I do recommend a review of the aforementioned birth pang numbers for a better understanding of Birth Pang Number 27. We are advised that a great worldwide quake, which affects not only the Jordan Rift Valley but also all the “cities” of the “nations,” will also divide “the great city” into three parts. The great city that will be divided is not Rome. It is the great city we identify as Jerusalem. I will not dispute that the “great Babylon” of the latter part of this verse will have its ecclesiastical headquarters in Rome, but these are two different cities, which are separated grammatically by “the cities of the nations.” The Jordan Rift Valley connects with the east-west fault line across the northern coastline of Turkey, which in turn moves between the toe of the Italian Boot and Sicily up to a point off the coast of Rome, and then westward through the Straits of Gibraltar. The world’s greatest earthquake since God placed man on this planet will occur in the Jordan River near the southern end of the Dead Sea, but it will eventually send a rippling effect to set off a chain of worldwide earthquake activity, and one of the greatest will be off the coast of Rome on the Mediterranean Sea Floor. This chain of earthquakes will eventually affect most of the “cities” of most of the “nations.” Some believe “the great city” is Rome, but

the same inspired Koine Greek construction for “the great city” is also used by John in Revelation 11:8.

Revelation 11:8

[8] And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

The Apostle John wrote Revelation about AD 96, some 26 years after the leveling of Jerusalem by Titus and his Roman Legion. Once this happened in AD 70 to fulfill the Olivet prophecy Jesus had made 40 years before it happened, the living disciples began to refer to the great city of Jerusalem as “Sodom and Egypt.” So

“The great city” of Revelation 11:8, and of 16:19, is one and the same. Jesus was not crucified outside Rome, but outside the city of Jerusalem. John had looked down on Jerusalem many times as he approached it from a higher elevation coming west on the Jericho Road. He recognized it once again as he looked down on it from above in his vision from heaven, and he saw it divided into three parts from the earthquake activity.

Throughout the Bible, when God makes divisions of physical things, He invariably uses land and water to make separations. He uses mountains and valleys in the landscape, and rivers, seas, oceans, creeks, or streams in the hydrological pattern. When all the changes of the previous birth pangs have been completed, Jerusalem will have been divided into three parts by land, elevation, and water. In Figure 46 (See top of this Birth Pang for menu) you may view all three topographical divisions of Jerusalem. Part 1 will be the down faulted section north of Ezekiel’s stream, Part 2 will be the section south of the stream, and part 3 will be the uplifted western section of “the great city.”

BIRTH PANG NUMBER 28

God Splits a River

Zechariah 14:8,9

[8] And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. [9] And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one.

Ezekiel 47:8,9

[8] Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed. [9] And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh.

Joel 3:18B

[18] And all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the Lord, and shall water the valley of Shittim.

In order to determine the time of “in that day” given in Zechariah 14:8, it is necessary to examine 14:9. Verse nine clearly identifies “in that day” as the time when Jesus Christ will be king over all the earth, a period of time known as the millennial reign of Christ. However, in order for Jerusalem and Israel to be as verse eight describes, it is obvious that fantastic geological changes must first occur in the existing topographical structure. These drastic land mass shifts will occur during the last part of the Tribulation Period as outlined in verses 4 and 10 of Zechariah 14, and in

numerous other Scriptures explicated previously in the Birth Pang Updates.

What are “living waters?” They are simply waters that support organic aquatic life. Zechariah advises us in verse eight that water, with the capacity to support aquatic life forms, will go out from Jerusalem. This water is the water from Ezekiel’s spring (See Birth Pang Number 25). We are advised that half of the waters go toward the Dead Sea (Former Sea) and the rest flow toward the Mediterranean Sea (Hinder Sea). We also are informed that the water will be a continual stream that does not dry up between the two rainy seasons (most of the interior streams in Israel are dry creek beds a large part of the year). To an oriental mind, “in summer and in winter shall it be,” means a perpetual flow of life supporting water. The typical limestone spring, which is generated by permeable rock over impermeable rock in a lifted fault scarp, flows the year round.

The prophet Joel indicates a fountain (spring) will come from the Millennial Temple of the Lord, and will water the valley of Shittim. The valley of Shittim was located in the general area of Nebi Musa and Khirbat Qumran, the extreme northwestern tip of the Dead Sea. The springs of Zechariah, Ezekiel, and Joel are all one and the same, and Figure 47 (See Birth Pang Figures Above) portrays their path from source to seas. I really do not believe the new Dead Sea will look anything like what Figure 47 pictures, nor will the Sea of Galilee. However, I have left them as they are today for a point of reference familiar to Bible students as old landmarks. The massive upheaval of the entire

Jordan Valley, and the horrifying creation of a flood basalt plain will leave in its wake a river system almost totally unrecognizable from current geography.

BIRTH PANG NUMBER 29

God Heals the Eastern Sea

Ezekiel 47:6-8

[6] And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river. [7] Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other. [8] Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed.

Zechariah 14:3,4

[3] Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. [4] And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

As we begin with verse 6, we have just walked eastward a little over a mile (4000 cubits) from the “utter gate” of the Jerusalem Millennial Temple, and have arrived at the brink of the diverted Jordan River shown in Figure 47. Please look at Figure 47 and read Birth Pang Numbers 25 through 28. During our walk, we passed directly through the graben valley created during the Tribulation Period when the Mount of Olives divided into two sections, one moving to the north, and one moving to the south. The stream along

which we walked developed after the splitting of the Mount of Olives, and is the stream of Zechariah 14:8 – “And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.” It is also the same spring described in Joel 3:18B – “And all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the Lord, and shall water the valley of Shittim.”

The area through which the entire stream and Jordan River complex is prophesied to flow has a very fertile soil profile. But no matter how fertile and perfectly zoned a soil horizon exists, unless there is water, no vegetation will spring up. This has been the problem in this dry arid region for centuries, but God is going to change all that. Trees and all types of vegetation will flourish along the length of these two living water rivers (Figure 47) as they flow toward the Mediterranean and Dead Seas. The remnant of the nation of Israel will use this new source of water to irrigate the deserts of Judah and most of southern Israel, including the Negev. Israel will become the breadbasket of the world.

As verse eight of Ezekiel 47 begins, we find ourselves standing at the brink of the diverted Jordan River, about four thousand cubits east of the “utter gate” of the Millennial Temple. We are told that from this point the waters go out into what he calls “the east country.” The “east country” is the section of land that includes the Dead Sea, which has been referred to in the past as “the Eastern Sea.” We have the water moving, as shown in Figure 47, into the country east of the Mount of Olives like a pattern known as a bird’s foot delta. We are then advised that from “the east country” the waters “go down into the desert.” We are informed in the Hebrew which desert, for the word used for “desert” is “Arabah,” which is the desert that lies between the Dead Sea and the Red Sea. Strong’s Hebrew and Chaldee Dictionary identifies the Arabah as “the sterile valley of the Jordan and its continuation to the Red Sea.” Wilson’s

Old Testament Word Studies “the desert” as “the land between the Dead Sea and the Elanitic Gulf (Gulf of Aqabah). First the waters flow southward through the Arabah Desert to eventually empty into “the sea,” and that sea is the northern extension of the Red Sea, which is also known by the Arabs as the Gulf of Aqabah. As indicated, in previous Birth Pang Updates, a channel will be opened in the land that lies between the Dead Sea and the Gulf of Aqabah. This land was once known as the land of Idumea. Gradually the flow of fresh water from the Temple and the diverted fresh water from the Euphrates will “heal” the “east country” of its high salt content. The “healing” will be accomplished by most of its salt being carried southward into the Red Sea. Figure 47 shows the completed hydrological structure prophesied by Ezekiel, Zechariah, and Joel. I believe that the shape of the Dead Sea will be quite different from what I have shown in Figure 47, but so that the reader may relate to a known geographical feature, I have left its present shape unchanged. Actually, it will become more like a fresh water delta marsh from Engedi to Eneglaim, and that section from “the brink of the river” to the fresh water marsh will be similar to the Mississippi Delta, but on a much smaller scale.

Figure 48 gives a general pictorial summation of many of the geological changes prophesied to occur in previous Updates. All of these terrifying changes have a twofold purpose: to show man the power of God and to prepare the land for the reign of Jesus Christ when he returns.

BIRTH PANG NUMBER 30

God Weaves a Breadbasket

Ezekiel 47:12

[12] And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither

shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.

In Birth Pangs 1 through 6 we detailed the unbelievable shaking that would change the geomagnetic balance of the earth by a fantastic shift in its outer and interior structure. One of the outcomes of this change will be a change in the climate of Israel. The latitudinal shift associated with winter and summer will be greatly reduced, such that never again will there be a killing frost in Israel south of the mountains north of the Sea of Galilee.

In America we are most familiar with broadleaf, deciduous trees that lose their leaves after the first frost. But many broadleaf, common in tropical and subtropical climatic zones, never shed their leaves because of frost. These broadleaf fruit producers bear foliage throughout each year, constantly losing older leaves as new budding leaves push them off. The fig tree of Israel will not shed its leaves in a deciduous manner unless a frost occurs, and it sometimes keeps its leaves year round. Trees need two things to grow year round and remain green while producing fruit: water and a suitable climate. And God will produce both by His great shaking of the Earth and Israel. The following Scriptures describe this great worldwide shaking and its devastating affect upon the land of Israel and the army of the antichrist.

Revelation 6:12-15

[12] And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; [13] And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. [14] And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. [15] And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the

mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

Revelation 11:12-15,18

[12] And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. [13] And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. [14] The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly. [15] And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. [18] And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

Revelation 16:16-19

[16] And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. [17] And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. [18] And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. [19] And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

Ezekiel 38:18-20 + 39:2

[18] And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in my face. [19] For in my jealousy and in the fire of my

wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; [20] So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. [2] And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:

Ezekiel 47:12 portrays Israel, following the shaking, as a nation dominated by a new frost free climate with more water than it can use on a preexisting rich soil profile. The “leaf shall not fade” because frost will not turn it to a winter brown. But, as a new green leaf bud pushes up into the old leaf’s socket, it will simply push it from the branch before any substantial fading can occur. And, “neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed,” for without a frost some trees will produce fruit more than once a year. And, “it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months,” for different trees will bring forth fruit at different times. One may bring two annual crops to maturity, one in January and one in July, while another does the same in March and September, etc. There will be fruit coming forth from Israel in every month of the year. But, in spite of the climatic change, none of this would have been possible without God’s new water supply in Israel, and the fruit comes forth “because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary.” If you want to see how God geologically brings a preexisting water supply to the surface during this great shaking of the land, then go back and review Birth Pangs Number 25 through 29. You may do this by clicking on Birth Pangs 29 at the beginning of this update, and then proceeding back by clicking on the top of each update all the way back to Number 25.

The word used for “meat” in Ezekiel 47:12 means “an eatable.” It includes all food taken into the body to meet its biological needs.

The Hebrew word used for “medicine” literally means “a remedy.” It is only within the past century that man has discovered the value of high quality production of foodstuffs by a quality growing program. Just the right blend of climatic, soil, and water conditions can produce foodstuffs that will keep a person in an almost constant state of good health. More and more physicians are discovering the amazing benefits that can be derived by the proper input of high yield foodstuffs. When the Scripture states, “and the fruit thereof shall be used for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine,” it means that the products obtained from the trees and vegetation of Israel will be of such high quality that they will meet the biological and health needs of all the Israelites. God will have just the right blend of sun, soil, season, and water to make Israel the breadbasket of the world.

**BIRTH PANG NUMBER 31
God Waters His Breadbasket**

Isaiah 35:6,7

[6] Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. [7] And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

In these scriptures we have springs of water breaking out in the wildernesses of Judah and the Negev, and a spring passing through the desert of the Arabah. In Birth Pangs 25 and 26 I wrote concerning the lifting of the land from Geba to Rimmon, and showed how Ezekiel’s spring would form at the foot of the fault scarp generated by this lifting. There will be a massive fault scarp extending all the way from Geba to Rimmon (See Figure 39), and at the base of this fault scarp hundreds of springs will burst forth in

the Judean and Negev wildernesses. These springs will water the Judean and Negev zones, eventually feeding into Zechariah's river that empties into the Mediterranean Sea (See Figure 47). The stream through the Arabah Desert was fully described in previous Birth Pangs.

In verse seven we are advised that the habitation of dragons (jackals or wild animals) will become a delta-like region filled with reeds and rushes like the Nile Delta. I believe that the habitation zone mentioned by Isaiah was that portion of the wilderness zone of Judah that extended ten miles westward from the Dead Sea shoreline between Engedi and Eneglaim (See Figure 47). It is in this zone that the existing and prophesied geological structure could support a bird foot delta, and it is this delta I have portrayed in Figure 47.

The tremendous influx of water into the parched ground of a thirsty land, outlined in Isaiah 35:6,7, is what leads to the scene outlined in Isaiah 35:1,2.

Isaiah 35:1,2

[1] The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. [2] It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.

The glory of the Lord will not only be manifested by His presence when he returns to begin his millennial reign, but also by the beauty of a millennial landscape created by His own hands. The waters of God will turn Israel into a subtropical paradise.

BIRTH PANG NUMBER 32
God Fills His Breadbasket

You may review all Birth Pangs, from number 1 to the present, by clicking on the indicated line at the top of this page. By continuing this process on each Birth Pang, you will be able to go backwards all the way to the first ever issued. In reality, Birth Pangs 1 through 34 are the completion of a book I wrote some 33 years ago. Since I believe the things written in this book are likely to come on this earth before 2008, I wanted to make it available free to anyone who wanted to download it.

All the Figures used in the book may be viewed by clicking on the second line at the top of this page.

Lord willing, for the next several Birth Pangs, I will cover some things prophesied by Jesus during His Olivet discourse.

Joel 3:18-21

[18] And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the Lord, and shall water the valley of Shittim. [19] Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence against the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land. [20] But Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. [21] For

I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for the Lord dwelleth in Zion.

Verse eighteen describes the great abundance of liquids that will be produced, directly and indirectly, by the vegetation in the mountains and hills of Judah. It also predicts the increase of water throughout Judea. It even describes Ezekiel's millennial Temple spring and, even more astonishing, it forecasts that it will flow through the new millennial river system (described by Zechariah, Isaiah, and Amos) to pour fresh water into the valley of Shittim. I tell you that, without question, it is impossible for the word of God not to be inspired. These writers, writing at different times, and in different locations, literally had to be controlled by a single Spiritual Being to have come to such specific, matching descriptions of the vast geologic and hydrologic changes prophesied to occur during the tribulation period. That Spirit was, and is, and always shall be, the Holy Spirit of God.

Please note that Joel, in verse nineteen, also confirms the closing of the Suez Canal, and the ripping apart of Edom (Idumea) over the Arabah Fault. Both these geologic changes were described in previous Birth Pangs.

Verses twenty and twenty-one again paint a beautiful picture of what all the Old Testament prophets knew by faith would one day arrive, that is, God dwelling with them in a material millennial kingdom for one thousand years on this present earth, then eternally in a spiritual kingdom consisting of a new heaven and a new earth. The prophesied fertility of

Israel's millennial land is mentioned over and over again by numerous prophets of the Old Testament. There can be little doubt that Israel will become the world's millennial breadbasket. Amos speaks of the land's great productivity during the time of Messiah's reign on this planet.

Amos 9:13-15

[13] Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. [14] And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. [15] And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God.

Verse thirteen describes how the arid desert land of the Judean and Negev deserts will become so productive in the new hydrological pattern, formed by the tribulation period geologic upheavals, that the following figurative illustration is presented as reality:

- (7) The crops will grow so fast that before one can be fully harvested it will be time to plant another.**
- (8) The number of new vineyards being planted will be constantly increasing to meet the ever growing demand for the fruit of the vine.**
- (9) The mountains will be terraced to drop down from above a multiplicity of fruits, such that were the juices from them to run over the terraces, the**

resultant gully erosion would erode the terraces.

The same type of figurative language is used in the book of Leviticus to describe fertility of the land given as a blessing from God.

Leviticus 26:5

[5] And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.

Verse fourteen describes the great rebuilding of a nation devastated during the geologic upheavals experienced in the period of great tribulation. I once was pastor to a deacon who taught the adult morning class. One day, while he was teaching about these millennial blessings God will pour out on Israel, he briefly paused, and cried,

Oh My! If I knew how to get there right now, I would start out afoot! I feel the same way he did. Praise God, I wish the kingdom was already here, and I was standing and looking at this beautiful picture painted by Amos and the numerous other Old Testament prophets, such as Jeremiah, Isaiah, and Ezekiel.

Isaiah 61:4

[4] And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

Ezekiel 34:23-28

[23] And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. [24] And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the Lord have spoken it. [25] And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods. [26] And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing. [27] And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the Lord, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them. [28] And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid.

Verse fifteen is the completed fulfillment of God to Israel. For one thousand years the world population will grow and God will extend mankind's horizons. With Messiah spiritually controlling the world from the rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem (Ezekiel 40 through 43) through his saints and angels in the spiritual kingdom, and through his nation Israel in the material kingdom, man will rise to heights he has never known. Israel, the breadbasket of the world, will rule over this earth as nation of nations under the Messiah, the king of Kings, the Son of God and of David, Jesus Christ.

Ezekiel 36:24-38

[24] For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. [25] Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. [26] A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. [27] And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. [28] And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. [29] I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you. [30] And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen. [31] Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. [32] Not for your sakes do I this, saith the Lord God, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel. [33] Thus saith the Lord God; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded. [34] And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. [35] And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited. [36] Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the Lord

build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I the Lord have spoken it, and I will do it. [37] Thus saith the Lord God; I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock. [38] As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I am the Lord.

Jeremiah 32:37-41

[37] Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely: [38] And they shall be my people, and I will be their God: [39] And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them: [40] And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me. [41] Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul.

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How Large is the Antichrist's Kingdom?

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Virtually all prophetic teachers of today are certain that the kingdom of antichrist will cover "all the earth," or "the whole world," or "wherever men dwell," or "the face of the whole earth," or "all that dwell upon the earth," or "the earth and them which dwell therein," or "throughout the whole world," or "in all the world," or "Asia and the whole world, etc." They may be correct, and I am prepared for such an event, but I really believe his kingdom

will only affect those sections of the world known to the inhabitants of Israel when John wrote the Book of Revelation. Before I make my case in Scripture, please consider the following:

USE OF THE HYPERBOLE IN PROPHECY

THE WORD HYPERBOLE COMES FROM THE GREEK – IT MEANS “TO DELIBERATELY THROW OUTSIDE OR INSIDE A MARKED LINE FOR EFFECT, MAKING THE AREA LARGER OR SMALLER THAN IT ACTUALLY IS, EXAGGERATION FOR EFFECT, NOT MEANT TO BE TAKEN LITERALLY, EXAGGERATING OR DIMISHING BEYOND THE FACT, EXCEEDING THE TRUTH.” IT IS USED AT TIMES IN PROPHECY TO IDENTIFY A SMALL AREA AS ONE THAT IS MUCH LARGER. IT IS NOT A LIE BECAUSE THE HEARER OR READER IS ACQUAINTED WITH THE USE OF HYPERBOLE AS AN EXAGGERATED STATEMENT. THE EXPRESSIONS “THE WHOLE EARTH, ALL THE WORLD, WHERESOEVER MEN SHALL DWELL ON THE EARTH, ETC. ARE, AT TIMES, NOT REFERRING TO THE ENTIRE SURFACE OF THE EARTH FROM POLE TO POLE, AND AROUND THE 360 DEGREE EQUATOR. I BELIEVE THIS HAS CAUSED MANY TO EXAGGERATE THE SIZE AND STRENGTH OF THE FINAL EMPIRE OF ANTICHRIST. GOD USES THE HYPERBOLE QUITE OFTEN THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE.

Daniel 8:5,21,22

[5] And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west ON THE FACE OF THE WHOLE EARTH, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes. [21] And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. [22] Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.

(And yet we know that the Empire of Alexander did not stretch across the FACE OF THE WHOLE EARTH)

Daniel 2:32-34,38,39

[32] This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, [33] His legs

of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. [34] Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. [38] And **WHERESOEVER THE CHILDREN OF MEN DWELL**, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler **OVER THEM ALL**. Thou art this head of gold. [39] And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule **OVER ALL THE EARTH**.

(And yet we know that the Babylonian Empire did not extend **WHERESOEVER THE CHILDREN OF MEN DWELL**, and we know that Alexander's Empire did not bear rule **OVER ALL THE EARTH** as we know it today)

In these next verses we are going to see how God means for us to be able to delineate between the whole world as we know it today, and the whole world as it was known in prophetic times. We are certain the fourth beast was the Roman Empire, and we know it did not dominate the whole world as we know it today. However, we know for certain that Christ's coming kingdom will dominate the whole earth as we do know it today. So when we see the expression **UNDER THE WHOLE HEAVEN**, we can say it represents the earth as we know it today.

Daniel 7:3,23-27,11-14

[3] And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. [23] Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour **THE WHOLE EARTH**, and

shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. [24] And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. [25] And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. [26] But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. [27] And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom UNDER THE WHOLE HEAVEN, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him. [11] I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. [12] As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time. [13] I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. [14] And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Now, as you read the expressions describing the size of the antichrist's kingdom in Revelation, go back and forth to Daniel and compare his expressions concerning the world

coverage of those kingdoms with John's expressions of world coverage in Revelation.

Revelation 13:1,2,5-12,16,17

[1] And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. [2] And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. [5] And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. [6] And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. [7] And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over ALL kindreds, and tongues, and nations. [8] And ALL THAT DWELL UPON THE EARTH shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. [9] If any man have an ear, let him hear. [10] He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints. [11] And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. [12] And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth THE EARTH AND THEM WHICH DWELL THEREIN to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. [16] And he causeth ALL, both small and

great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: [17] And that NO man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Revelation 17:12-18

[12] And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. [13] These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. [14] These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful. [15] And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. [16] And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. [17] For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. [18] And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over THE KINGS OF THE EARTH.

Please note that both Daniel and John, when referring to the world as we know it today, used expressions marking it as being “under the whole heaven,” or “from one end of heaven to the other,” or “the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.”

Daniel 7:27 + Matthew 24:31 + Mark 13:27

[27] And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom UNDER THE WHOLE HEAVEN, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him. [31] And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, FROM ONE END OF HEAVEN TO THE OTHER. [27] And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the UTTER-MOST PART OF THE EARTH TO THE UTTER-MOST PART OF HEAVEN.

Romans 1:8 + Colossians 1:5,6 + Acts 19:27 + 24:5

[8] First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE WORLD. [5] For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; [6] Which is come unto you, as it is IN ALL THE WORLD; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth: [27] So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom ALL ASIA AND THE WORLD WORSHIPPETH. [5] For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes:

Revelation 12:9,17

[9] And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth THE WHOLE

WORLD: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. [17] And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Daniel 2:39-44

[44] And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule OVER ALL THE EARTH. [40] And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. [41] And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be DIVIDED; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. [42] And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be PARTLY strong, and PARTLY broken. [43] And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall MINGLE themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not CLEAVE one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. [44] And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

This final kingdom of antichrist does not sound like a kingdom that dominates the whole world as we know it today. It is to be a kingdom partly strong, and partly broken, and the individual parts don't cleave together very

well. It sounds like a bunch of the descendents of Ishmael, the six sons of Keturah, and the two sons of Lot mingling their blood lines together to form the Islamic world Israel now faces. They certainly have never gotten along with Israel, and they cannot get along with each other. But they will come together as a rag-tail empire to attempt to destroy Israel. I really believe most of the believers in this world are going to be waiting for an antichrist that will dominate every nation on this earth, and I don't believe it will happen. He will arise in Syria, lead 10 Islamic nations against Israel, control the area once dominated by the Old Roman Empire, and that will fulfill all the prophecies written about him as dominating "all the world." This has far reaching implications if I am right, such as the mark of the beast only being put on those sections where the Old Roman Empire once stood.

I suspect a lot of believers won't recognize him as being the antichrist because he does not take over the whole world as we know it today. In any case, I realize he may dominate the whole world as we know it today, so I am prepared for that possibility, and will simply gulp and swallow a lot of crow if I am wrong. In any case, I truly believe we will know one way or the other by 2008.

Historical events prophesied to occur within the period of Christ's Second Advent can now be understood as never before! The sequence of those events is especially revealing — and is so different from what most people presently believe. This article gives a proper countdown of major historical occurrences associated within the last year of the advent of Christ. This article shows an outline of that prophetic scenario which is backed up by plain biblical teaching.

All intelligent students of the Bible are anxious to know what the immediate future holds for us who live in the world today. It is obvious to many that extraordinary times are on the horizon. The Bible speaks of momentous historical events connected with the period near the close of the age — the time just prior to and including the return of Christ back to this earth. There are many plain and unambiguous prophecies that speak specifically of that time, but there are other prophecies (some involving entire chapters, even whole books of the Bible) that hardly a person today knows where to place in the order of events leading up to Christ's advent. Much confusion has been the result.

About the only things that most prophetic interpreters seem agreed on is that a ten nation confederation of nations will arise in Europe (which many associate with the Common Market) that will develop into the Antichristian system described in the Book of Revelation, and that Russia, independent of the Common Market, will soon invade the little nation of Israel in fulfillment of Ezekiel 38 and 39. In both cases the interpreters are absolutely wrong! Fundamental principles of biblical interpretation are being left out (or avoided) by those who advocate such things.

In this article I hope to bring some biblical sense into the confusion that now persists. I will only give an outline of the sequential events although a whole book could be written on the matter. Our approach involves a complete re-thinking of the biblical evidence. Principles of interpretation found in the Bible, that have lain dormant in many people's thinking for years, should be revitalized by us who live in the 20th century. In many cases, the methods of interpretation practiced by the apostles to inform people what was prophesied to happen, will have to be brought back into use by us moderns. When this is done, a whole new way of looking at the prophetic future emerges on the scene that will surprise many who are living today. It can greatly inform us of the future in a way never suspected before.

Past History — A Way To Understand The Future

There is a biblical method of teaching used by the early apostles that is seldom utilized by most schools of prophetic interpretation. That method is using history of the past as an indication of what will happen in the future. Even the few who have recognized this biblical principle have abused its use. These are mainly people of the British/Israelite school (who transport prophecies wholesale out of their geographical settings in the Middle East and wrongly locate them in Britain, the Commonwealth, Northwestern Europe, or North America). This attempt is not only contrary to the biblical revelation, but it does violence to historical records that have come down to us since the close of the biblical canon. ¹

In spite of such misuse, it has to be recognized that the early apostles were active in applying historical events of the past to explain actions that were occurring in their day. For lack of a better phrase to describe this method of interpretation, we can call it the "duality principle." Such teaching involved the use of past histories of individuals and of nations to

help explain contemporary (or endtime) events. The teaching was well established within the pages of the Old Testament. Let us see how this way of thinking works.

The Past Can Explain The Future

King Solomon referred to this principle of “duality” about 1000 years before Christ. To him, all things in life and nature were cyclical — things would return to the former state (or position) in which they once were (Ecclesiastes 1:5). For example, Solomon called attention to the wind. He noticed that it moved towards the south, turned its direction around and headed back towards the north — it **“returns again according to its circuits”** (Ecclesiastes 1:6). The motions of the atmosphere were circular. Solomon looked at the ocean and saw that it provided the water vapor which formed the clouds; the clouds then moved over the land and dropped precipitation onto the earth; those waters were then gathered into gullies which merged into streams which finally carried the waters back to ocean from whence they originated. **“Thither they return again”** (Ecclesiastes 1:7).

This circular effect was also seen by King Solomon as not only applying to things in nature, but the activities of humans also appeared in a cyclical fashion.

“The thing that has been, it is that which shall be, and that which is done is that which shall be done; and there is no new thing under the sun.”

- ***Ecclesiastes 1:9***

To Solomon, future events will one day reflect the past in which all things originated. In another way of putting it, the past will inevitably return in the future. This was Solomon’s way of illustrating a means of prophetic interpretation: **The past will one day return!** This is certainly a biblical principle because it was used by other biblical writers — among them the prophet Isaiah. He made definite statements about cyclical prophetic teaching. God put in the mouth of Isaiah some statements by which mankind might know **“what shall happen”** in the future (Isaiah 41:22). **“What shall happen?”** Isaiah asks. God answers by saying:

“Let them show the FORMER THINGS, what they be, that we may consider them [the former things], and know the LATTER END of them; or declare us things for to come. Show the things that are to come hereafter.”

- ***Isaiah 41:22–23***

There was no doubt in the prophet Isaiah’s mind that things which happened in the past would find a relevance in the future. King Solomon also had more to say on this principle.

“That which has been is now; and that which is to be [the future] has already been; and God requires that which is past [to understand the present].”

- ***Ecclesiastes 3:15***

The prophet Isaiah further emphasized this concept of repetition (or circular effect) by saying: **“Behold, the former things have come to pass”** (Isaiah 42:9). In Isaiah’s manner of reasoning, those former things which had profoundly affected historical events of

the past had again returned in his own time. Isaiah even admonished his readers to remember the past if they ever expected to comprehend the future.

“Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done.”

- **Isaiah 46:9–10**

This principle of looking at past events in order to understand the future was not limited to the Old Testament. The apostle Paul applied the same teaching in his letter to the Corinthians. To him, the experiences encountered by the Israelites on their journey out of Egypt into the land of Canaan (back in the Exodus period of Moses) was very typical and reflective of what was happening to the Corinthians 1500 years later.

“Now all these things happened unto them for examples [types]: and they were written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world [ages, eons] are come.”

- **1 Corinthians 10:11**

We will soon see that the period of the Exodus from Egypt that the ancient Israelites experienced in a physical manner was repeated by the Christian *ekklesia* in a spiritual way. The apostles felt the interpretation was not a simple “like begets like” — but it was a repetitious parallel ordained of God with different actors for different purposes. A cyclical pattern of typical characteristics was in operation when Paul interpreted his own times by the experience of the Exodus.

The Past Explains the Future Through Human Personalities

The duality principle is also found in the lives of individual human beings. Especially is this evident in the life of Christ. It is amazing how the New Testament writers brought parallels between the lives of men in the past to illustrate the supreme example of life as found in the personage of Jesus Christ. Indeed, it would be impossible to comprehend the full message of Christ — and particularly His importance in human history — without understanding the lives of many men in the past who typified Him.

Paul referred to Christ as the **“second Adam”** — the **“last Adam”** (1 Corinthians 15:45, 47). How can one hope to know Paul’s teaching about the role of Christ in human redemption if one knows nothing about the **“first Adam”** who was in certain respects a person like Christ? As Adam was the headship of all human flesh on earth, so Christ (the second Adam) became the headship of all human beings to bring them into the spiritual family of God (Romans 5:12–19).

“Therefore as by the offense of one [the first Adam] judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one [the second Adam — Christ] the free gift [of salvation] came upon all men unto justification of life.”

- **Romans 5:18**

Adam was not the only one who typified Christ. Isaac was also like the Messiah who was later to appear on earth. Note these correspondences between Isaac and Christ.

1. The birth of Isaac was miraculous (Genesis 18), so was Christ's (Matt. 1:18).
2. In Abraham's attempt to sacrifice Isaac, Isaac even assisted Abraham in carrying the wood to the altar (Genesis 22:6). In like manner Christ also carried His own crosspiece to His crucifixion.
3. Isaac did not dispute Abraham's will in the matter of his own sacrifice, nor did Christ with God the Father.
4. Both Isaac and Christ were "offered" in the area of Jerusalem.
5. Isaac also was willing to lay down his life of his own free will, just as Christ did. [2](#)
6. Abraham also was willing to sacrifice his only son (that is, his only legal or legitimate son) while God the Father did in fact give up His only begotten Son.
7. Abraham came down from the mountain of sacrifice (in the area that later became the region of Jerusalem) with Isaac still alive. The author of the Book of Hebrews said that this was tantamount to Isaac having been resurrected (Hebrews 11:17-18). There was a three-day journey for Isaac to be "offered" and figuratively to be resurrected from the dead. Christ's resurrection took place after three days as well.

Time does not permit us to show how Joseph and King David were typical of Christ, nor the many others in the Old Testament. But one thing must be mentioned: No one of the Old Testament was more typical of Christ than Moses. We have the plain teaching of the Old Testament that a great prophet was to arrive in the future who would "**be like unto me [Moses]**" (Deuteronomy 18:15-19). The duplication of Moses' life as found in Christ, as well as their contrasts, represents spectacular agreement. No two people fit so precisely.

There was one outstanding agreement: Moses was given an equality to God Himself in his role as lawgiver to Israel (Exodus 4:16). But who was Jesus? He was no less than God incarnate (John 1:1). And as Moses was the great legislator to Israel for the Old Covenant (Deuteronomy 18:15-19), Christ was the lawgiver to Israel for the New Covenant (Matthew chapters 5, 6, and 7).

The point we wish to make is this: How can any of us thoroughly understand the teachings of Christ which He gave in His day, unless the historical biographies of His types who lived in past times are fully known? This again is the past being used to comprehend the future.

Past History of Nations Involved

Now we come to the central theme of our article. The history of the nations of this world is also caught up in this cyclical concept of prophetic interpretation. Israel is prominently singled out by New Testament writers as an example of what will occur in the future. Gentile nations are brought into play as well — and some in a very profound way. Let us first look at a few examples concerning Israel.

The apostle Paul considered the history of ancient Israel as typical of activities relative to Christians at his time. He mentioned to the Roman Gentiles that the 7000 Israelites who

refused to bow to Baal in the time of Elijah (900 years before Christ) were similar to the Christian remnants who were called according to grace (Romans 11:2–5). Especially important, however, is Paul's explicit relationship of events connected with Israel's Exodus from Egypt with what was happening in the Corinthian *ekklesia* in the first century (1 Corinthians 10:6, 11).

This latter point is very cardinal to the whole issue that we now wish to discuss. What we want to show is that the history of Israel (particularly during its Exodus sojourn) is not only typical of the life that each Christian must undergo while on earth, but that Exodus period (essentially the last year of the 40 years) reflects what will occur just before the Messiah comes to earth to establish the true Kingdom of God. This principle of interpretation is found in the Book of Hebrews — from Hebrews 3:2 through 4:11. It is an example of what Isaiah was talking about when he asked God "What shall happen in the future?" And God answered:

"Let them show the FORMER THINGS, what they be, that we may know, the LATTER END of them — the things that are to come hereafter."

• **Isaiah 41:22**

Paul taught that the beginning of the Exodus with the crossing of the Red Sea by the Israelites was an example of Christian baptism in his day (1 Corinthians 10:2). The end of the Exodus of Israel was also significant. It typified the leading by the true Jesus (Joshua) ³ of his people into the Kingdom of God — the real **"land of Canaan"** that was promised to Abraham (Hebrews 4:8–11).

In the rest of this article, we will deal with the latter part of this Exodus period which Paul considered important. It can typically show an outline of prophetic events to occur in the near future. We will be particularly interested in the last year of the Exodus — from the time that ancient Israel left Kadesh-Barnea; (Numbers 20:22) on through the time they came to Edom, then Moab and Ammon, and then to the death of Moses and his burial in Mount Nebo opposite Jericho. This event was followed by Joshua (Jesus) leading the children of Israel across Jordan into the Promised Land (typical of the Kingdom of God). The truth is, and we hope that each person will be able to see the relevance of it, every one of these final events of the Exodus is scheduled to be typically repeated when the true Israel is brought into the real land of Canaan (the Kingdom of God) at the time of Christ's return to earth.

The Jewish people long ago saw the typical character of the 40 years' Exodus period. They saw it as being like the latter Exodus when the Messiah would lead them into the promised inheritance. Even our American Negro spirituals have as their predominant themes **"going into Canaan's land."** ⁴ Though such spirituals are songs of modern American origin, they well reflect the beliefs of the Jews in Christ's time (with whom the apostles agreed) that the early Exodus of Israel was typical of what would happen in the end-time at the final redemption of Israel.

Significance for our Time

Let us now apply the past history of the Exodus period to prophetic interpretation for today — for the period just ahead of us. It is to the last year of the 40 years' wandering that we need to pay attention.

After the Israelites left Kadesh-Barnea on their final trek into the Promised Land they came in contact with a certain group of people. Who was the first nation they encountered? It was Edom! This is important! It parallels what will happen at the end-time. The prophecies show that the first nation that Christ will judge when He returns from heaven (and before He even goes to Jerusalem) is also the nation of Edom! That is what the Bible says. He will judge Edom (and all the nations of the world who are assembled with them in Edom) before He touches His feet on the Mount of Olives outside Jerusalem. There is a whole chapter of the Bible that shows this — and it is one chapter that almost no one refers to today.

What chapter is this? It is Isaiah 34. One ought to read all of it! It is a prophecy about a judgment upon Edom (spelled Idumea in the King James Version) and the nations of the world who are gathered there in a vast assembly. This judgment happens at the conclusion of the time of the end — a time when the heavens retreat as a scroll and the stars fall (Isaiah 34:4). Such astronomical occurrences are described in other parts of the Bible (both Old and New Testaments) as associated with the return of Christ to this earth. This judgment will be the first that Christ personally accomplishes, even before He goes to Jerusalem! Interestingly, Edom was also the first nation that Israel had to deal with in their final march into the physical Kingdom of God (the Promised Land) some 1500 years before Christ.

“Come near, you nations, to hear; and hearken, you people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it.

For the indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he has utterly destroyed them, he has delivered them to the slaughter. Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood. And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falls off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.

For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea [Edom], and upon the people of my curse, to judgment. The sword of the Lord is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the Lord has a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea [Edom]. And the unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness.

For it is the day of the Lord’s vengeance, and the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion. And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch. ...

They shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom, but none shall be there, and all her princes shall be nothing. And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof: and it shall be an habitation of dragons, and a court for owls. The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island, and the satyr shall cry to his fellow; the screech owl also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest. There shall the great owl make her nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather under her shadow: there shall the vultures also be gathered, every one with her mate.

Seek you out of the book of the Lord, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it has commanded, and his spirit it has gathered them. And he has cast the lot for them, and his hand has divided it unto them by line: they shall possess it for ever [olam, for the age], from generation to generation shall they dwell therein."

• ***Isaiah 34:1–17***

Edom at the Exodus

At the time of the Exodus, the Edomites refused to let Israel go through their territory — though Israel offered to pay for all food and water. See Numbers 20:18–21:

"And Edom said unto him, 'You shall not pass by me, lest I come out against you with the sword.' And the children of Israel said unto him, 'We will go by the high way: and if I and my cattle drink of thy water, then I will pay for it: I will only, without doing any thing else, go through on my feet.' And he said, 'You shall not go through.'

And Edom came out against him with much people, and with a strong hand. Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his border: wherefore Israel turned away from him."

• ***Numbers 20:18–21***

This refusal was unreasonable and unbrotherly. ⁵ Moses was not pleased with this. The Edomites became known as **"the people of my curse"** (Isaiah 34:5). This and later activities caused Israelites to reckon them as people whom God would condemn.

Little good is spoken about the Edomites in the later pages of the Bible. In actual fact, the prophets gave a good number of prophecies against Edom — more than any other individual nation. Almost every prophet had something to say in judgment of Edom, yet prophetic interpreters today seem almost totally unaware that Edom was, or is, important. However, the Bible says that Edom will be the first nation that Christ will judge in a personal way when He returns from heaven, and it will involve nations from all over the world!

No Battle at Armageddon

What amazes us is the seemingly constant attention that people give to what they call "the Battle of Armageddon," but they say nothing about this battle in Edom that will be one of the grandest battles of judgment that will ever occur on earth — the judgment on the world nations in Edom (Isaiah 34). In fact, one wonders why is there so much talk about Armageddon! It may come as an astonishment to some, but there is no such thing as a Battle of Armageddon even mentioned in the New Testament. The Book of Revelation simply says that armies of the world will gather themselves together at Armageddon (located some 70 miles north and west of Jerusalem), but it says nothing about any battle in that area to be fought by those armies (Revelation 16:16). This shows how careless people are in their interpretation of scripture.

What actually happens is this:

- The northern armies from most of the world gather in the Valley of Jezreel around the site of Armageddon.
- They then move in two or possibly three columns of armed forces in a southern direction. Their objective is to conquer Jerusalem — in an ultimate sense.
- One column will take the coastal route southward, as did the ancient Assyrians in the time of Hezekiah (Isaiah chapters 36 through 39).
- A second column will journey eastwards to the Jordan Valley and then head southwards to Jericho and then around the Dead Sea into Edom (which is located on the southern and eastern parts of the Dead Sea).
- They will station themselves in Edom to await the column coming from the coastal area, which will join them in that rift valley. This will accomplish an encirclement of the central Judean area where Jerusalem is located.
- The third column, which then leaves the region of Armageddon, will proceed directly south through Samaria on the central highland route to Jerusalem. This central column will be led by a man that Isaiah calls **"the Assyrian."** Read Isaiah 10:5–34 where this is described.

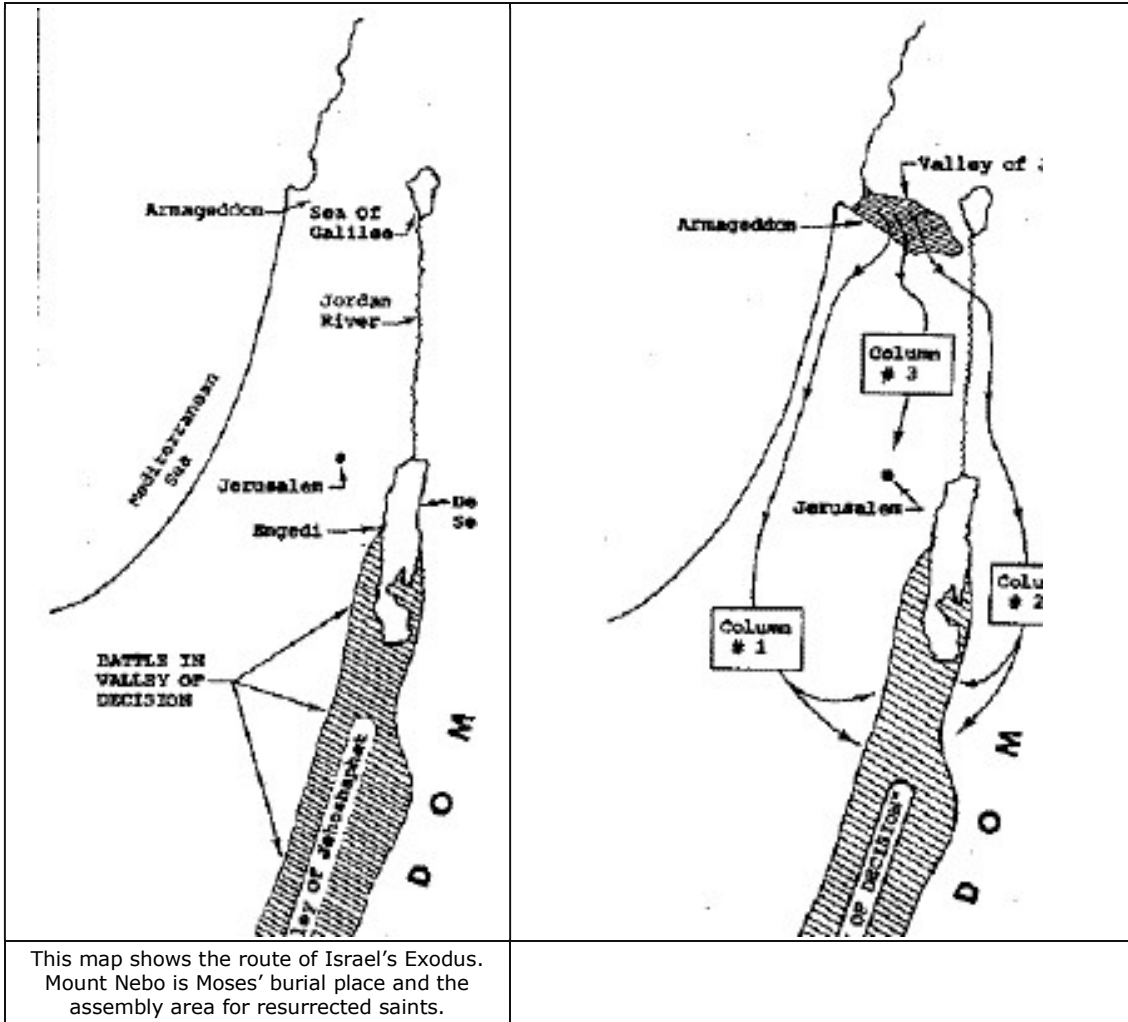
Along the way, these three columns of troops will affect a considerable amount of slaughter as they finally encircle Judaea and Jerusalem. The two chapters of Ezekiel 38 and 39 (long believed to be speaking about a thrust of Russian and Mongolian troops into the Holyland) are really describing this same movement of troops within these three columns. This must be the case with Ezekiel 38 and 39 because Christ will meet with, and deal with, these same troops at His Second Advent (Ezekiel 38:20).

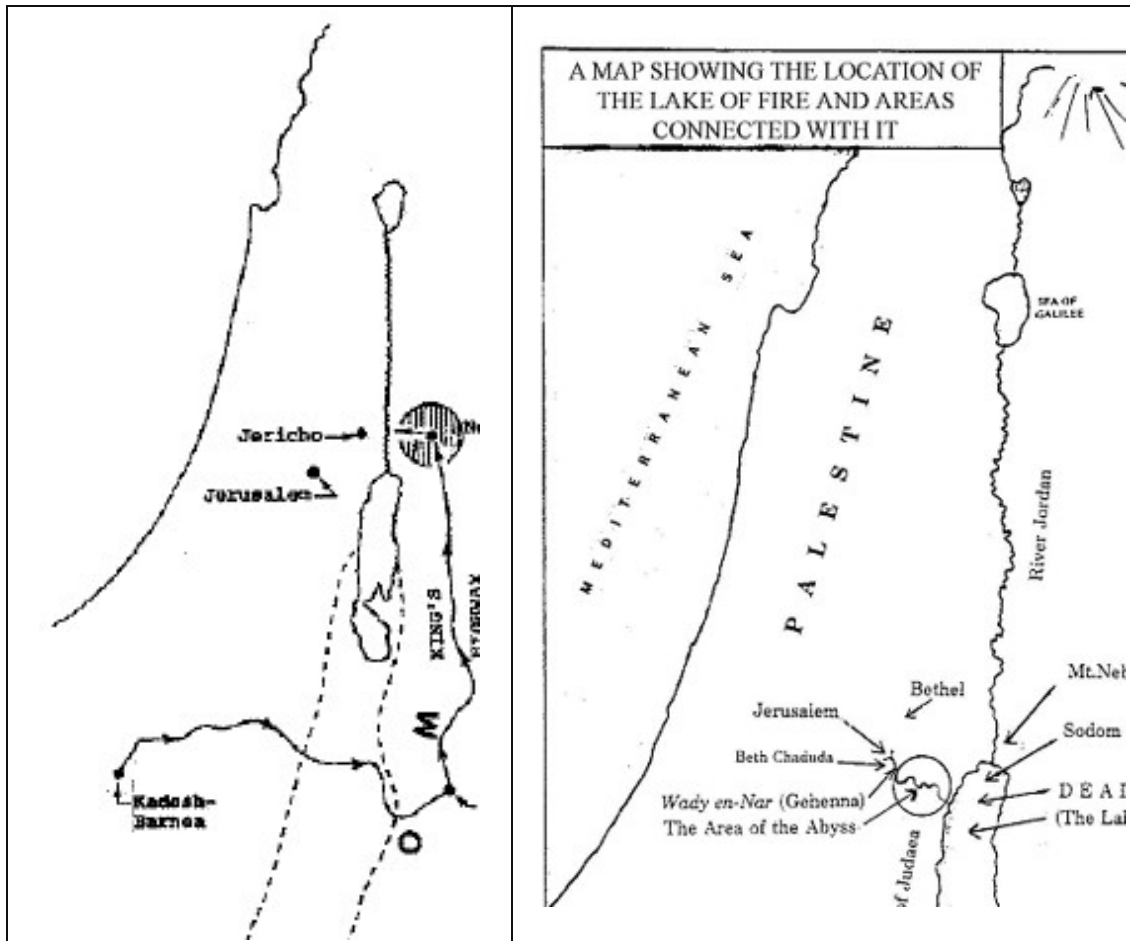
When **"the Assyrian"** and his army finally reach Jerusalem to do battle against it, he will find a powerful and mighty king in its midst. This king is described as **"Immanuel"** — **"the Stem of Jesse and a Branch"** (Isaiah 11:1). When **"the Assyrian,"** known as Gog (and a host of other names), arrives at Jerusalem, the Son of David will already be there.

"Behold, the Lord, the Lord of hosts, shall lop the bough with terror: and the high ones of stature shall be hewn down, and the haughty shall be humbled. And he [the Lord] shall cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one. And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots."

• ***Isaiah 10:33–11:1***

<p>This map shows the location of the Valley of Jehoshaphat (called the Valley of Decision). 2 Chronicles chapter 20 identifies it.</p>	<p>The world armies assemble at Armageddon. There is no battle there. The armies go to Jerusalem and Edom to war with Christ.</p>
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This great heathen general of the northern armies will then shake his fist at Immanuel — who will then be the king of Israel returned from heaven (Isaiah 10:32). His offensive gesture will be met with judgment! The **"Assyrian"** and his army will be cut down and destroyed (Isaiah 10:34). Isaiah said this man will be called **"the Wicked One"** (Isaiah 11:4) and he will be slain! **"With the breath of his lips shall he [Immanuel] slay the wicked [one]"** (Isaiah 11:4). The apostle Paul referred to this event with the same words,

"And then shall that Wicked [one] be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit [breath] of his mouth."

- **2 Thessalonians 2:8**

This victory of Christ over **"the Assyrian"** and his armies results in the reign of the Messiah in Jerusalem as described by Isaiah from 11:5 onto 12:6. This will be the time for the beginning of the Millennium.

What Occurs Before the Destruction of the Assyrian?

Let us now go back in our story to those troops that left Armageddon along the coastal and Jordan routes which went into the southern end of the Dead Sea to affect an encompassment of Jerusalem. What will Christ do with this vast horde of armed men?

These armies are to be gathered in an area known anciently by two names. From the southern end of the Dead Sea and up the eastern slopes of the mountains (and extending southward all the way to the Gulf of Aqaba) that region was known as Edom. Isaiah 34 is speaking about this particular area when he said the nations of the world would gather there for judgment at the end of the age. The western side of this same rift valley, and extending from the Gulf of Aqaba and northwards up the western side of the Dead Sea, was known as **"the Valley of Jehoshaphat"** (Joel 3:2, 12) or **"the Valley of Decision"** (Joel 3:14).

Though the location of **"the Valley of Jehoshaphat"** has been disputed by some commentators in the past, research has now shown that the region around the western part of the Dead Sea all the way south to the Gulf of Aqaba is the biblical **"Valley of Jehoshaphat."** In the reign of Jehoshaphat the Moabites, Ammonites, and Edomites gathered an immense army, **"a great multitude,"** and encamped near Engedi, to the west of the Dead Sea. A great terror fell on Jehoshaphat and Jerusalem. He proclaimed a fast and asked God to protect Judah from such an array of armies. But while encamped in this area the heathen soldiers began to fight among themselves. They destroyed each other to a man. Jehoshaphat could hardly believe his good fortune, but God had come in answer to his prayer. He and Judah spent three days just gathering in the spoil from the great slaughter (2 Chronicles 20). Jehoshaphat saw the destruction of this great multitude as occurring in the **"Valley of Decision"** — called a short time later **"the Valley of Jehoshaphat."**

This victory by the intervention of God so impressed the prophet Joel a short time later, that he reckoned this event to be like the destruction that would take place in the same location when the Day of the Lord would arrive on earth. One should read all of Joel chapter 3 to see how God will, at a time when the sun, moon, and stars cease shining, and with **"multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision"** (Joel 3:14), step in to destroy all the assembled heathen nations which will then be in that same area.

This **"Valley of Jehoshaphat"** is exactly contiguous to the nation of Edom (which is in the same valley but located primarily on the eastern side of the slopes). This battle mentioned in Joel is the one described in Isaiah 34 as occurring in Edom when all the nations of the world are assembled against Israel. The same celestial disturbances are to be witnessed (Isaiah 34:4) as in Joel 3:15. This is said to be the exact period when the Lord, in all His glory, will come through Edom **"treading the winepress"** of His fury.

"Who is this that comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah [Edom's capital]? this that is glorious in his apparel, traveling in the greatness of his strength? ... I have trodden the winepress alone ... and their blood shall be sprinkled on my garments ... for the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come."

- **Isaiah 63:1–4**

That same day of vengeance and the year of God's redeemed is also referred to in Isaiah 34:8 (**"For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance, and the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion"**) — right in the midst of the chapter which speaks of the Messiah's final judgment upon Edom and the nations of the world! The two references are identical and describe the same event.

This judgment of Christ on Edom, in the Valley of Jehoshaphat, is the first time that Christ personally intervenes on earth and supervises a judgment of war at the end of the age. This will be done before Christ goes to Jerusalem to battle with **"the Assyrian"** whose army is

approaching the capital city from the north. In fact, Christ's feet will not even touch the ground while this judgment in **"the Valley of Jehoshaphat"** takes place. Revelation describes this scene as Christ **"treading through the winepress"** (Revelation 19:15). His feet will be bathed in blood.

But note this important point. The Bible describes Christ and His holy angels as riding white horses (Revelation 19:11, 14). And since Revelation 14:20 says that the blood from this battle will flow up to horse's bridles for a distance of about 175 miles, it can be understood how the feet of riders on horses could be soaked with blood without their feet actually touching the ground. ⁶ As a matter of fact, the valley of Revelation 14:20 that is 1600 furlongs in length — about 175 miles — could hardly be a small valley around Jerusalem or anywhere else in Palestine other than the rift valley to the east and south of Jerusalem. Even this reference in the Book of Revelation helps to show that the region near the Dead Sea and southward is the only area which could be **"the Valley of Jehoshaphat."**

Once this great slaughter is over, Christ then prepares to head towards Jerusalem to meet **"the Assyrian"** and his army that are approaching the capital. Christ's feet and garments will be soaked in blood (Isaiah 63:16) from this war in Edom. But strange as it may seem, Christ does not immediately go directly north and a little west towards the actual location of Jerusalem.

The Bible makes it clear that Christ will arrive in Jerusalem from the east.

"For as the lightning [the sun] comes out of the east, and shines even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

- **Matthew 24:27**

Since the disciples were on top the Mount of Olives when Christ told them this, it shows He will approach the Olivet ridge from the east — from the direction in which Jericho is found. Just east of Jericho, and across the Jordan River, is the region where Moses was buried (Deuteronomy 34:16). This burial spot of Moses may very well give us a key as to how far east of Jerusalem Christ will be when He starts His approach to the City of David.

Recall that the Exodus journeys of Israel were a type of Israel going into the Land of Promise at the end of the age under the Messiah (Hebrews 3:2 through 4:11). Also remember that the first nation Israel encountered on their journey from the desert into the land of Canaan was Edom. We have already seen that the first area that Christ judges as He prepares to lead His redeemed into the true Kingdom of God also was Edom (read Isaiah chapter 34, Ezekiel chapters 35 and 36, and Joel chapter 3 together).

Since ancient Israel during the Exodus (after their encounter with Edom) went to the King's Highway in Moab and turned north to Mount Nebo (overlooking the Promised Land opposite Jericho — Deuteronomy 34:16), it could well be that Christ and His angels will follow the same route — directly to the place where Moses is buried, in preparation to enter the Holyland!

Moses and Elijah

The most perfect type of Christ in the Old Testament was Moses. The Bible says that Christ was **"like unto me [Moses]"** (Deuteronomy 18:15). And since the Israelites of old looked on

Moses as the top prophet, it is reasonable that Christ (the second Moses) would come to the area where Moses was buried before he officially enters the Promised Land. There is good reason to believe that this is true. Notice one or two points that suggest the relevance of this point.

When Christ gave a vision of His Second Advent to three of His disciples, they noticed two personages standing in glory with Christ. One was Moses and the other was Elijah (Matthew 16:27–28 to 17:19). We know that Moses had been buried just east of the Jordan River opposite Jericho. It is interesting that the last official act of Elijah while he was on earth was to lead his successor Elisha from Bethel eastwards to the Jordan River, then to cross the Jordan dry shod (by a miracle) — similar to the time the Israelites crossed into the Holyland under Joshua.

Elijah's departure was in the direction of Moses' burial spot. He was then taken up by a whirlwind into a cloud (2 Kings 2:11). Though we later hear of Elijah (2 Chronicles 21:12), it is no doubt symbolic that Elijah's mission on earth was completed on the east side of Jordan opposite Jericho near the burial place of Moses. The completion of Moses' and Elijah's careers was in the same area. Could they be resurrected from the same region?

Order of Events

At the period of His Second Advent,

- Christ could leave His judgment of the nations in the **"Valley of Decision"** (in Edom) and head towards the region of Mount Nebo.
- The resurrection of the righteous dead could take place at that time — with Moses and Elijah meeting Christ right over the exact spot where Moses was buried.
- At the same time, Christ instantaneously has His angels gather together all the righteous dead from around the world (along with those who will be changed in a twinkling of the eye) and assemble them over Mount Nebo on the east side of Jordan.
- From that spot, the whole assembly proceeds westward in the air to approach Jerusalem from the east.

This suggestion has real possibilities. If the end-time order of events is **(1)** the first judgment on Edom and the nations, **(2)** the resurrection of the dead, and **(3)** Christ's coming from the east with the saints to Jerusalem, then one section of scripture that has been a mystery for years can now make sense.

Look at Luke 17:22–37. Hardly anyone has been able to answer, until now, all of the details of this long section of prophecy given by Christ.

"And he said unto the disciples, 'The days will come, when you shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and you shall not see it. ²³And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after them, nor follow them. ²⁴For as the lightning, that lightens out of the one part under heaven, shines unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day. ²⁵But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation.

²⁶And as it was in the days of Noe [Noah], so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. ²⁷They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

²⁸Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; ... ²⁹But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. ³⁰Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. ³¹In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back.

³²Remember Lot's wife.

³³Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it. ³⁴I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. ³⁵Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. ³⁶Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.'

³⁷And they answered and said unto him, 'Where, Lord?' And he said unto them, 'Wheresoever the body is, there will the eagles be gathered together.'"

- **Luke 17:22-37**

First of all, the context of the prophecy is speaking about the exact time of the Second Advent. Notice how plain this is stated. It is so similar to Matthew's account of Christ's return from heaven.

"For as the lightning, that lightens out of one part under heaven, shines unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day [when He comes]."

- **Luke 17:24**

After mentioning Christ's coming as the sun from the east, Christ then talked about the unexpectedness of His coming by a reference to Noah.

The next thing He mentioned was a long reference to Lot — the nephew of Abraham in Luke 17:28-32. Why pay attention to the example of Lot? The answer has been there all the time, yet hardly anyone has seen the significance of Christ mentioning Lot. Why the importance of Lot in the story of the Second Advent?

Place of Safety

Look at the matter closely. Right after stating the example of Lot, Christ then said that some people would be in bed, others grinding, and others in the field (Luke 17:34-36) and that some of each group would be taken somewhere. Where would they be taken?

Recall that this event takes place at Christ's coming, not 7 or 3½ years before He appears. Why would they be taken to Petra (or somewhere else) to wait in safety until the Second Advent, if this was the time of the advent itself? The point is, the text seems to say they were taken somewhere at the exact time of the second coming. The disciples were curious as

to the location of the place and they asked: **"Where Lord?"** (Luke 17:37). **"And he [Christ] said unto them, whosoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together."**

What a strange thing to say. It seems to have satisfied the curiosity of the disciples, but can it satisfy us? What is meant by the proverbial statement that where a dead body is, there is where eagles will be, and where the saints will be taken at the Second Advent? The "where" is a gathering place.

Some of us have thought in the past it might mean Petra — because the proverb is a takeoff from a passage in Job 39:27–30 which mentions about eagles being in the rock ² around where the slain are. But to be slain means that people have been killed. How could this mean a particular place of safety in Petra — or anywhere? Those who are in the safety of Petra are alive, but the terms being used in these references are "the slain" and a "dead body." In no way could "Christ's body" — or an *ekklesia* in Petra — be meant. That part of the "body" will be alive, not dead! This has always been a puzzle that did not fit the Petra identification. It is somewhere else other than Petra.

Lot and Moses' Burial Place

Still, Christ's disciples seemed satisfied with His answer. This is all well and good, but what did He mean? The answer may come from a section of the context that has been overlooked for years. Christ took five verses in the prophecy to talk about the experiences of Lot, the nephew of Abraham. Why the emphasis on Lot? He said the disciples could escape at the Second Advent as did Lot if the example of Lot was followed. What did Lot do to escape the destruction of Sodom? He first fled to Zoar (a small village east of the Dead Sea) and then he went up **"to the mountain"** (Genesis 19:17, 30). This mountain must have been prominent enough that it did not need identification. But where would it have been? It was right in the vicinity where Moses was later buried! Lot fled to the region of Mount Nebo! ⁸

Christ is seemingly telling His disciples to pay heed to the example of Lot in regard to circumstances involving the Second Advent. Whereas Lot went east of Jordan into the mountain, the resurrected saints at the Second Advent will also be taken somewhere. **"Where Lord?"** asked the disciples (Luke 17:37). **"And he said unto them, Whosoever the body is, there will the eagles be gathered together."**

They would be taken to where a dead body was. Relevant to this may be the strange reference in Jude about the archangel Michael and the Devil having a great confrontation — as though the matter was very important — over the dead body of Moses. **"Yet Michael the archangel when contending with the Devil he disputed about the body of Moses, ..."** (Jude 9).

No person in Old Testament times was more important than Moses. So significant was he that God even hid his exact burial place so that people would not retreat to the sepulcher to make idols out of the stones, etc. Satan wanted the place where Moses' body was buried to be known to the world, but Michael stepped in to secure the command of God regarding its secrecy (Deuteronomy 34:5–6). No one to this day knows the precise spot where Moses is buried, though everyone realizes that it is up the eastern slopes of the Jordan rift opposite the city of Jericho (Deuteronomy 32:49).

Elijah and Moses

This is where Elijah ended his career, and it is the exact area where Lot went to escape the burning fires of Sodom (typical of the future gehenna — Jude 7). Could it be that the “where” to which the resurrected saints will be taken to meet Christ in the air will be where the one significant “dead body” of all the Old Testament was once buried? If this is so, then Christ’s prophecy of Luke 17:22–37 makes sense, and the context of this section of scripture is compatible with others speaking about the resurrection from the dead.

Christ answered His disciples by telling them symbolically where the resurrected saints would assemble at the time of the Second Advent: He said in effect, paraphrasing Luke 17:37: **“Wheresoever the dead body of Moses was buried is where eagles wings will carry those who are changed into immortality or are resurrected from the dead at My coming.”** Of course, Moses would at the same time be resurrected from the dead and appear as he, and Elijah did, on the Mount of Transfiguration to the disciples (Matthew 17:1–9). But the key spot to identify the assemblage area for the resurrected saints is where the dead body of Moses was. This will be over Mount Nebo.

But that does not end the story. Paul said that Christ shall take those resurrected dead from around the world and **“bring them with him”** (2 Thessalonians 4:14). Bring them where? Bring them with Him to Jerusalem! Christ will have assembled all the resurrected saints (and those changed) over Mount Nebo on the east of Jericho and then head straight to Jerusalem. He will then appear to those in the City of David as coming with His saints and holy angels from the east (Matthew 24:27).

When Christ arrives over Jerusalem, He then descends at that very moment to stand on the Mount of Olives — **“and his feet shall stand in that day on the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east”** (Zechariah 14:4). This will be the first time in over nineteen hundred years that His feet will physically be on earth (of which we have biblical record) (Acts 1:9–12). During the time when He and His angels were causing judgments upon the nations in Edom — **“the Valley of Decision”** — they were all seated upon white horses. Their feet did not touch the ground (Revelation 19:11, 14). But now, Christ has come to earth with His feet on the ground. He, His angels, and the resurrected saints are now in Jerusalem.

The Final Conflict

The northern armies that had gathered in the region of Armageddon had designs on conquering Judaea and Jerusalem. The two columns that surrounded Judaea by meeting in the area of the Valley of Jehoshaphat and Edom have now, in the story, been dealt with by Christ (Isaiah 34; Ezekiel chapters 35 and 36; Joel 3). Christ then followed the route of the Exodus and went to Mount Nebo. The resurrection of the saints — including Moses and Elijah — then took place. Christ brought those saints with Him to Jerusalem and stood on the Mount of Olives. And, at that very time, on the doorstep of Jerusalem, approaching with the last remnant of his armies, is **“the Assyrian.”** Isaiah picks up the story of this final battle when **“the Assyrian”** and his forces reach Aiath (Ai) about ten miles north of Jerusalem (Isaiah 10:28). Christ is in Jerusalem awaiting the battle.

Isaiah, from chapter 10 verse 28, describes the step-by-step movement of this final heathen force towards Jerusalem. They first, come to Michmash, then Geba, then Gibeah, and finally to Nob — the northern hill just opposite Jerusalem, where the central part of the city can first

be seen. At that spot, **"the Assyrian"** shakes his fist in defiance at the Son of David (Christ Himself) now in Jerusalem with His angels and resurrected saints. He is about ready to war against Christ, but in a moment the wicked one is slain (Isaiah 11:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:8) and the flesh of his army is consumed away while they yet stand (Zechariah 14:12). The final conflict comes to an abrupt and calamitous end for the nations of the world. From then on, Christ reigns triumphantly in Jerusalem for the next 1000 years (Revelation 20:6).

Conclusion

The prophecies we have been mentioning in this article are in the Bible for all to see, but some of them are seldom referred to today. It is no wonder that people are so confused over what the future holds. It is time to get back to the methods of prophetic interpretation used by the early prophets and apostles, as well as to consider all the prophecies and place them into a logical order that all can easily follow. ⁹ If people will only look on the clues that the Bible gives to put historical "flesh" on the prophetic "skeletal" frame, much sense can be made out of the information in the biblical revelation.

What is important is to study the past as mentioned in the Bible to see how it fits in the prophetic themes that explain the future. Especially should one look at the types, whether of individuals or nations. The period of Israel's Exodus is especially helpful in gaining a proper sequence of events to understand the time when God's spiritual nation will finally secure, under Christ, the true Promised Land — the Kingdom of God.

The prophet Daniel promised that **"knowledge shall be increased"** (Daniel 12:4). He was speaking about "prophetic knowledge." I believe that we are in that period of time of which Daniel spoke. One way God can show love and concern is to reveal what He intends to do on earth in the next few years. **"Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he reveals his secret unto his servants the prophets"** (Amos 3:7).

This article is only an outline of the prophetic indications leading up to the Second Advent of Christ. We have not had the time or space to show things in detail. True, there may be some adjustments here and there that will have to be made as we get nearer the times and see the events occurring in closer prospective. The Book of Daniel says that knowledge shall be increased as the day approaches (Daniel 12:4). Daniel was talking about knowledge involving prophecy, not general scientific or academic knowledge. So, as time goes on, we may have to revise some of the countdown events leading up to Christ's advent in order to understand things even clearer.

However, what is already available is a great deal of information — so different from that believed by many in the world today, yet it is in accord with the overall revelation of the Bible. What we present is not intended to be dogmatism, but it is much food for thought in this age of confusion!

Since the information in this article may be new to some of our recent readers of A.S.K. material, we recommend that the research be read a second time, and that the maps be consulted in conjunction with all the biblical references.

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- 1 For information to show the nonsense of the British/Israel theory that the white people of Britain and the USA are supposed to be descendants of Israelites from Palestine — see the three articles that deal with this subject the subject: “Just Who Is an Israelite Today?” at <http://www.askelm.com/prophecy/p041001.htm> , “Who Are the Northern Ten Tribes of Israel Today?” at <http://www.askelm.com/prophecy/p900703.htm>, and “Is David's Throne in Existence Today?” <http://www.askelm.com/doctrine/d020802.htm>. DWS
- 2 Note that Isaac was younger and stronger than his father Abraham. No one knows the age of Isaac when this attempted “offering” occurred, but he was not a young man. The word “lad” simply refers to a younger man as distinct from one of old age. Isaac could well have been 33 years of age at the time, as was Christ. ELM
- 3 The name “Jesus” is the Greek expression and the same word as Joshua in the Old Testament. It does not have a pagan origin as some mistakenly believe. In the Greek Old Testament, the LXX, the word “Joshua” is spelled exactly as the Greek New Testament spells Jesus. Only the English translation is different. DWS
- 4 American Negro spirituals are a folk music of early America that came out of the south when many black people felt they were like the early Israelites in Egyptian bondage. ELM
- 5 Recall that Esau — the father of the Edomites — was twin brother to Jacob of Israel. They should have been more kind to Israel, but they responded with a lack of cooperation. ELM
- 6 The Greek likely means that the blood splashes up to the bridles of the horses as they travel through the valley, not that the blood was “up to” the bridles in depth. Whatever the case, that is a tremendous amount of blood and gore. DWS
- 7 The word in the Greek Septuagint translation of the Old Testament is “*petra*” in Job 39:28. DWS
- 8 The cities of the plain where Lot formerly lived were in the northern parts of the Dead Sea region, not in the south. ELM
- 9 Dr. Martin understood that the events in the book of Revelation were sequential and formed the basic skeletal time framework of prophecy. The book of Revelation has many allusions to other prophecies throughout the Bible which were obvious to the original audience that was primarily an informed Jewish audience. The original readers knew (or should have known) the background prophecies referred to in Revelation. For example look at Revelation 3:7–8 which is an unmistakable reference to Isaiah 22:22. Those other prophecies in the Bible can attach to that skeletal framework in Revelation, “fleshing out” and providing details to events that Revelation merely mentions. We should learn and know all those references in Revelation. DWS

Major Planetary Changes at the Time of the End

Catastrophes at the Time of the End – Part One



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“The sun shall be darkened”

Day of the Lord sees this earth's return to Pangea, the land of Eden

I was standing in my patient exam room talking with an elderly grandmother who was caught up in the family scandals and destructive sibling rivalries of her children. Knowing that I am a Christian, she cries in a sob, “O Lordie Jesus, please come quickly, I can’t stand this mess any longer

That weekend, I was sitting in a bible study class at church and the topic begins to revolve around tribulations and the ‘soon’ coming of Jesus, when one ‘sister’ blurts out the all time favorite phrase, “Well, the Lord will cut the time of the end short lest all the saints will be deceived or destroyed.” Yet for most of us, this watching and waiting has become an agonizing and protracted struggle.

“The sun shall be darkened”

Since the Advent Movement of the 1830-1840’s, when the western world was reintroduced to the literal coming of Jesus, the word ‘soon’ has become an anachronism. Soon? It may be soon to God, but to us mere mortal humans, give us a break. Remember in the parable of the five wise and the five foolish virgins, awaiting the coming of the bridegroom. They were not given a break, either they were ready and prepared or they were not allowed to enter the party for the bridegroom. Preparation is the name of the game.

It was beautiful spring afternoon and I was talking with a church evangelist. I asked him in a rather blunt way, “Have you considered that we might presently be in tribulation right now?” His eyes rise in a startled disbelief, “Well, he stuttered, “with how things are going presently, it could possibly be.” Then I asked the real question, “Have you considered that the Nation of Israel might be a key player in the events at the end of times?” “Well,” he said, “I’m beginning to wonder, what do you think?”

The shifting of the Christian mindset is in a revolutionary shift at the present time. Probe most Jesus’ followers and a moment of great denial begins to emerge. Phrases like ‘soon’ and ‘quickly’ punctuate the conversation. When we begin to talk about Jesus’ coming, we want to put the motion picture in fast forward and like the comedian black and white serials of the 1930’s, we run, jump, twist and turn with the pantomime of basic human behavior with no forethought, no emotional planning, no premeditated preparation, and then we cascade like a bunch of lemmings racing towards the precipice of the ocean, plunging to the watery depths below.

Pastors, evangelists, elderly saints, thoughtful Christian business executives, and even people with great planning skills, suddenly find their hearts go faint and their serotonin enriched synapses in the neurons of their brain snap shut, when they begin to identify their life as having to participate in the chaos and horrors in the event of the end of days. How seductive it is to have an out. “Yes,” we say, “give us an out Lord.” Like a child anticipating Santa Claus, “I’ve been as good as good can be.” This ‘out’ to the modern Christian is the pre-millennial rapture. “Beam me out of here, Lord!” we cry. “We are ready to come home with you. Let the Jews retake their chosen status, we’d rather be out of here. They (the Jews) know better how to be persecuted, discriminated, slaughtered, and have genocide committed to them by the whole world. I’m ready to go, Lord. Get me out of here. Now!” What will happen if the crushing weight of the coming tribulation finds you still on this planet earth and there has been no rapture? Will this be your spiritual wake up call or will it be your spiritual demise?

This coming section is not for the weak hearted. The last time we traversed this time in earth’s history with the BibleSearchers, some of the class became so sick they wanted to go outside and vomit. What is it? As a nation, we are so focused that in a military engagement, if one child dies, the world screams in shock. What will happen when billions of people die in a simple day or week in a catastrophic calamity? Will God be forgiven for causing these great ‘Acts of God’?

How is God to communicate with us? The only thing that this secular world gives the Lord of hosts any credit are what we call the ‘acts of God’; hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, and typhoons. Of course these are the destructive forces the Lord of hosts has at His command. Remember the Psalmist as He sings odes to the perfect revelation of the Lord.

Psalms 19:1-4 - “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth and their words to the ends of the world.”

If you were God, how would you communicate with your favorite creation, the ones created in Your Image? If we see His face, we will be annihilated. If He blows on us, we will be destroyed. Think how carefully you must treat an ant or it will be crushed under the mere pressure of your ‘tender’ fingers. So the Lord of hosts has limitations on how He can communicate with us. It is not that He cannot communicate to our minds, but most of our lives are so absorbed in our personal cares, trapped in our own emotions, living in a horizontal living that we do not look up, and reach up to God, touching Him as He reaches down to us and speaks to us in the ‘still small Voice’. Yet God does speak to us through His creation, especially in the heavens.

The Great Cycle of the Lord

All nature is designed in cycles and rhythms. The sun makes its course across the heavens, repeating its course every 24 hours. The moon makes its cycle, a daily cycle and a monthly cycle portrayed out in the new moon, the full moon, the disappearance of the moon and returns

as the new moon. The Hebrew religious calendar is still based today in Orthodox Judaism by the moons as given to them by the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

There is the menstrual cycle, the flowering cycle, the seasons of the year. Man even has multiple biorhythms in his body biological functions. Light in which we receive visible images is transmitted in waves or cycles of photons. Sound in which we communicate with words and music flows in rhythms and cycles and transmitted in vibrations through the tympanic membranes of our ear. Thinking is a vibratory electrical current in our brain and documented on the electroencephalogram. The blood pulses in rhythm in our blood vessels. Even the atom as it flows through the 'ether' of the invisible atmosphere, depicts a cycle or rhythm as the electron rotates around the nuclei.

So also the Great Day of the Lord is part of the cosmic cycle of the Plan of Salvation that the Lord of hosts gave as a gift to man when he (Adam/Eve) chose to rebel against the Lord and chart their own independent course from their Creator. This cycle is:

Paradise Created-----Paradise Lost-----Paradise Restored-----Paradise Recreated

This is the theme of all the prophets of the Old Testament. This is the theme for the restoration of this physical world. The arrogance of modern theology suggests that man can be taken from this earth in rapture, the Second Coming of Christ and all the rest of creation is destroyed and annihilated by His presence. Are we the only part of Creation that God feels is worthy? Take man out and the trees and flowers, the dolphins and whales, the lions and the lambs, the butterflies and the beetles can be casually discarded as an afterthought. Yet, even though Y'shua, the Lord of Creation states on the sixth day that the creation of man, Adam, was 'very good' (Genesis 1:31), He also states every other day, one to five that each of these creations of all living creatures was 'good'. (Genesis 1: 10, 12, 15, 18, 21, 25)

The theme of Genesis suggests Adam was created with a purpose, to be a 'Son of God', created in the image, the sefirot of God, and the lord and custodian of this earth.

Genesis 1:28 – “And God said unto them, “Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and **subdue it**: and have **dominion over** the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”

Was it not Adam, in which all the animals that were created passed before him and he names each one, a name consistent with the life and purpose of that creature. (Genesis 2:19-20) Don't think that this was a simple task. To do so would have taken a complete understanding of the complete biology and physiology of the animal and plant kingdoms. As custodian of this planet, he would have had to understand the laws of nature, the cycles of biological life and the express nature of each species in the plant and animal kingdom as envisioned by the Almighty Creator. He was the first Michelangelo, the master of all knowledge.

Adam blew that first custodial job by rebelling against God at the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. He lost his son-ship and the privilege to represent this world in the Great Council before the Throne of God. Satan, one of God's Archangels, a usurper, took that privilege away

from him and also us. So enters the Conflict of the Ages, the conflict to restore Adam back to his rightful creation, as the Son of God and the rightful custodian of this earth.

So enters the lineage of the genetic heirs of Adam, through the lineage of the chosen: Adam ----- Noah-----Shem-----Abraham-----Isaac-----Jacob-----and the twelve sons of Jacob. Was this chosen-ness a selective country club privilege that they might be eventually saved and the rest of the world lost and destroyed? No! The rabbi Shaul (Paul) so eloquently states:

Romans 9:4 – “They are **Israelites**; they were made **God’s sons**; theirs is **the splendor of the divine presence**, theirs is the **covenants, the law (Torah), the temple worship, and the promises**. Theirs are the **patriarchs**, and from **them, in natural descent, sprang the Messiah**. May God, supreme above all, be blessed for ever! Amen.”

Genealogy and genetic purity is critical and important to the entire plan of salvation. This may be one of the reasons for the 144,000 being seen by the Throne of God, just after the ascending Angel from God who seals the saints and the Mark of the Beast, the Seal of Satan, between the 6th seal and the beginning of the 1st Trumpet and Vial Plagues of Revelation. And what is even more important, they had just come through the tribulation, the wrath of Satan in the first six seals.

The Catastrophic Era – the Era of the Hebrews



One of the themes of the BibleSearchers is that every prophecy given by God to His people though dramatized and enacted in whole or in part in the days of the Hebrews, will be fulfilled totally during the events at the end of days. Prior to the coming of the Lord, the Great Day of the Lord, with the restoration of both the House of Judah, the Jews, and the House of Israel, the Josephites or Ephraimites in some texts, every prophecy will be replayed and reenacted and fulfilled exactly like the Lord of hosts promised. This will be the dramatic ‘Finale of the Ages’. For four thousand years, since the first promise and covenant with Abraham, the Hebrews have been the prime actors in the ‘Conflict of the Ages’, and in the end of times, they will once again be playing center stage.

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The creation of this world set the stage for a thousand years of solar and cosmic peace. This was the era of the Day of the Lord portrayed in the life of Adam. So Adam at the age of 930 died, a commanded by God in Eden,

Genesis 2:16-17- “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, **for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.**”

No, this day was not the earth's rotational day of an evening and a morning as portrayed in the creation story. This day was the Day of the Lord, for **“a day of the Lord is a thousand years.”**

Outside of the Big Bang, an event of infinite energy that would surely be catastrophic to any living being, there is no biblical evidence that any planetary catastrophe or earthly catastrophe, outside of local flooding occurred during this era. It was the **Great Flood of Noah that introduced man into the first catastrophic era of man.**

According to the Hebrew historical record, the dynamic world of the Patriarchs and Israel was an awe inspiring and terrifying world. A world in which they reacted and responded was filled with cataclysmic events in their lives in which they had to invoke the saving hand of the Lord. The direct control and intervention of Yahweh is an inspiring theme that is portrayed in the **cataclysmic era that began in the Days of Noah (2350 BC) and its final occurrence was at the doorsteps of the city of Jerusalem, which was saved by direct intervention of the Lord (701 BC).**

Sinai, the flaming volcano of God

Imagine that you were a member of the tribe of Manasseh, and there with your other clan members, you are standing outside the perimeter markings as the Lord of hosts presents Himself to the people of Israeli.



A Volcano exploding with Crustal Eruptions and Electromagnetic Atmospheric Explosions.

How do you image the Lord of hosts would speak to the million plus members of the House of Jacob, camping in the wilderness around Mount Sinai? Do you think there was a platform with a huge loud speaker system?

In reality, as the vast energy forces of the Lord of host came down to this earth, Sinai, a volcano exploded as the earth literally raised itself up into the sky to meet the great a powerful energy fields high in the atmosphere. Yes, this is how a volcano explodes and the electrical charges can be seen jumping between the sky and the erupting volcano. As seen in this incredible picture, the discharges of powerful electrical bolts of high flux density erupted upwards into the atmosphere filled with massive electrical charges. Who filled the atmosphere with the electrical charges, the Lord of hosts?

Exodus 18:16 – “And it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were **thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain;** and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. Now **Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly. And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and**

became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice. Then the Lord came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain.”

Let us give the children of Israel a little compassion. They did not have Discovery Channel give them any preliminary education on what to expect at Mount Sinai. If they would have been a modern volcanologist studying the eruptions of a new volcano, they would have been running for their lives. Yet they stood in fear and awe, before this ‘great Day of the Lord.’ After this event they were psychologically drained. Within days, many within the camp decided that they would rather deal with a less powerful god. A golden calf would be more to their liking and suitable to their ability to control. They literally had to ‘choose you this day whom you will serve, if the Lord be God, follow him.”

When the awesome power of HaShem is revealed within the three dimensional laws of this planet, no matter how pure or how wicked the observer is, the physical manifestations are the same. Was it not Daniel, that fell down on his face (Dan. 10:9), and was it not John who fell as a dead man? Yet the pure in heart will be worshipping, while the wicked will be cursing.

Is it any wonder that Jesus portrayed to his disciples on the Mount of Olives, that the **Day of the Lord, the coming of Jesus, would be the same as in the days of Noah.**

Matthew 24:36-39 - “But of **that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.** But as the **days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.** For as in the **days before the flood,** they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, **so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.**

So also at the end of time, the Day of the Lord will end with the capture of Jerusalem, yet the intervention of the Lord of hosts for His people will destroy the vast armies of all the nations of the world at Armageddon and the House of Israel and the House of Joseph will be restored.

So also the beginning of this era, the era of the Hebrews, began in a mega-catastrophe. The rhythm or cycle ascended to the heights of the David and Solomonic empire and descended during the last exile of Judah, after the visitation of God’s only Son. So also the next era will begin in a mega-catastrophe, initiating the 1000 years of rule of Jesus by the ‘rod out of his mouth.’

Revelation 16:17 – “And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. And there were voices and thunders and lightnings and there was a great earthquake such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake and so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell; and great Babylon came to remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of this wrath. **And every island fled away and the mountains were no found and there fell upon men a great hail but of heaven , every stone about the weight of a talent (75 pounds)** and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

If we want to get a clue as to what will be happening in the last days, then we must have a good understanding of what happened in the ancient days. **A clue, what may happen in the prophetic future is to look at the history of the Hebrews in reverse.**

Paradise Created - Paradise Lost – Paradise Restored.

Let us look at these historical catastrophes as portrayed in the Hebrew record.

**Biblical and Hebrew Catastrophes in the Torah and the Prophets.
The History of Man in a cyclical catastrophic and uniformitarian world**

1. Creation of the Solar System and Earth	Catastrophe	4000 BCE
2. Antediluvian World	Uniformity	4000-2350 BCE
3. The Noachian Flood	Mega-Catastrophe	2350 BCE
4. Early Paleolithic to Iron Age History	Catastrophic Era	2350 – 700 BCE
5. Era of Empires, Monarchs & Democracy Present	Era of Uniformity	700 BCE –
6. The Great Day of the Lord	Mega-Catastrophe	2000 + CE
7. Millennial Kingdom	Catastrophic Era	2000+ - 3000+ CE
8. New Jerusalem and the New Earth World Age	Era of Uniformity	Future New

Once again we see a pattern. The same pattern we see occurring throughout all creation, a rhythm, a cycle, a wave formation. As we examine the Old Testament or the Torah, we see an interesting pattern of catastrophes that began with the Flood of Noah about 2350 B.C. and ended at the destruction of the Assyrian armies as they camped outside the walls of Jerusalem in 701 B.C.

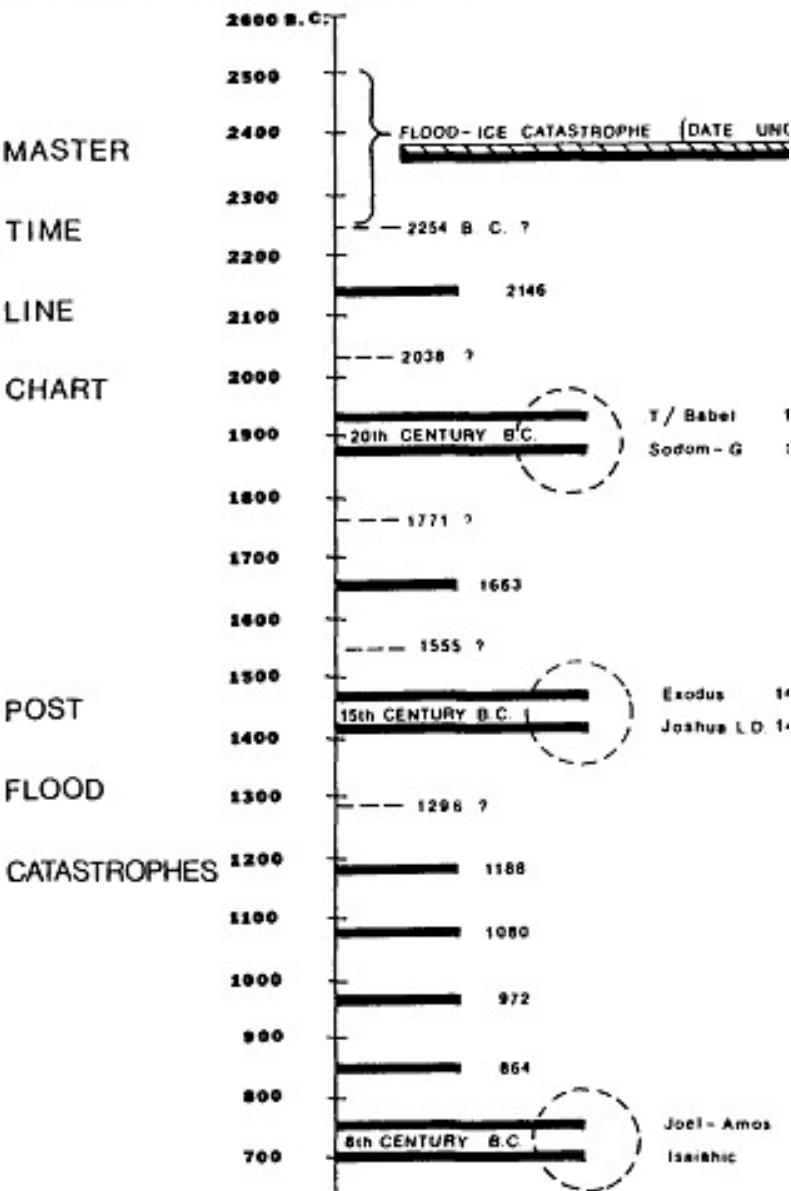
Catastrophes between 2350 B.C. and 701 B.C. in the Biblical record

1. The Noachian B.C.	2350
2. Peleg's Division of the earth 2248 B.C.	
3. Tower of Babel Destruction – The founding of Sodom and Gomorrah (Ginzberg 1:252) 2008 B.C.	
4. Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah in the Veil of Siddom 1957 B.C.	
5. Job Catastrophe B.C.	1663
6. The Exodus of Israelites from Egypt 1447 B.C.	
7. The Long Day of Joshua B.C.	1404

8. Deborah's Debacle and Sisera's Route B.C.	1188
9. Gideon's Route of the Midianites	
10. Samuelic Catastrophes – the Philistine Phalanx 1080 B.C.	
11. Early Davidian Catastrophes B.C.	1025
12. Late Davidian Census and Catastrophe B.C.	972
13. Elijah and the Mount Carmel Burnout/Barbecue B.C.	864
14. Fall of Troy	

15. Amos-Joel-Jonah Catastrophe	756
B.C.	
16. Isaiah's Catastrophe, Hezekiah's sun dial turning back and Sennacherib's Nocturnal Bolide	

THE TOWER OF BABEL CATASTROPHE



701

B.C, March 21/21

While trying to analyze and decipher this data, let us look at it from a different perspective. Let us take these catastrophes and put them in time sequence and see if there is a cyclical pattern.

Time Line of Biblical Flood Disasters

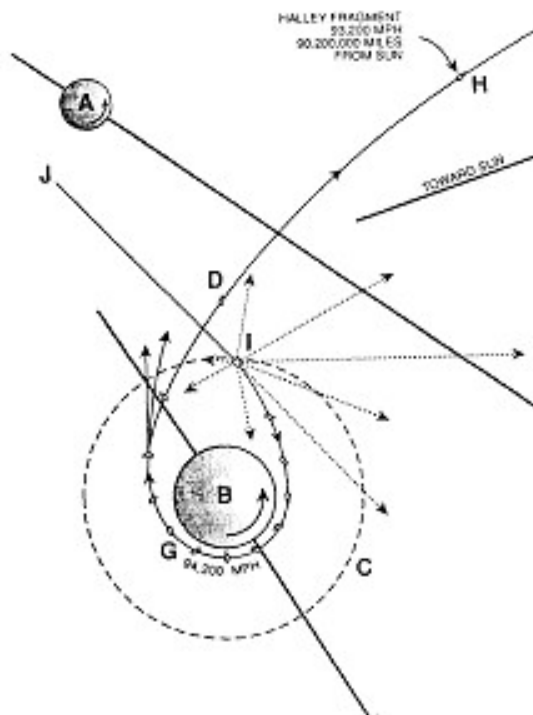
The first thing we will note is a **cycle of 52-54 years**. If you take the dates of the recorded disasters above: **756 B.C., 864 B.C., 972 B.C., 1080 B.C., and 1404 B.C.**, and add in either an **unreported or a threatening holocaust in the years 1188 B.C. and**

1296 B.C., we would note a cyclical pattern of 108 year cycles which would match the conjunction patterns of a resonant orbit of another stellar body. According to Donald Patten, Ronald Hatch and Loren Steinhauer, in *The Long Day of Joshua and Six Other Catastrophes*, these cycles would match the proto-planet orbits of newly captured planets of either Mars or Mercury.

We can also note the evidence of a heavy or severe catastrophic events or pairs of events occurring about every 500-600 years as noted occurring predominately in the 25th, 20th, 15th, 10th with the final events in the 8th century.

It was **Immanuel Velikovsky**, a Russian Jewish psychoanalyst in Vienna, Austria, who was trained in the natural sciences at the University of Edinburgh, received his degree in biology in Berlin and his M.D. degree and the University of Moscow, who first suggested that the Old Testament testifies to the evidence of catastrophic events that were caused by the abrupt disruption in the continuous and perpetual motion of planetary life.

In the 1950's, he published the most controversial series of books which included: *Ages in Chaos*, *Earth in Upheaval* and *Worlds in Collision*. To him, the ancient world as recorded in 'myths' and stories of all cultures depicted a world of multiple and repeated catastrophes. He



proposed that these **cyclical catastrophic events were caused by proto-planets**, who in the former eccentric unstable orbits had near misses with the earth as they passed by the earth's planetary orbit. These near misses produced calamities in cultures recorded all around the world but was most faithfully recorded in the Hebrew historical record.

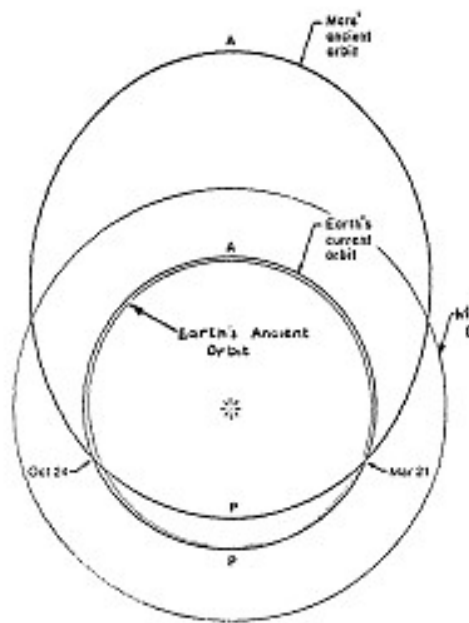
Velikovsky also earned the wrath not only of the astrophysicists of his day, but also the anthropological and archeological professions by stating that the **Egyptian and Israel chronologies were never compatible because Egyptian history was 600 years too early and that the Hebrew chronological record was the most accurate.**

Model of Catastrophic Fly-bys of Proto-planets near Earth

He proposed that the **mass extinctions as recorded in the geological record were caused by the earth shaking events from these near misses or fly-bys of the proto planets Venus and Mars** when they came visiting this earth on cyclical and predictable time cycles.

This theory of earth's catastrophes as caused by an astrophysical events was further described by Ron Hatch, a mathematician and physicists with Magnavox Advanced Products Systems and patented inventor for navigation and surveying techniques using TRANSIT and GPS navigational satellites, Donald Patton, with his masters in Geography and editor of the

Symposium on Creation Series, Loren Steinhauer, a theoretical mathematician in mathematical sciences at Northwest Inc., and professor in aerodynamics, orbital mechanics and applied mathematics at Harvard, MIT and the University of Washington and Samuel R. Windsor, an architectural and marine mechanical engineer with Bronson & Windsor. These four co-authored several different books, which included *The Long Day of Joshua* (Hatch and Stenhauer), *The Biblical Flood and the Ice Epoch* (Patton), *Escape from Einstein*, (Hatch), and *The Recent Organization of the Solar System* (Patton and Windsor)



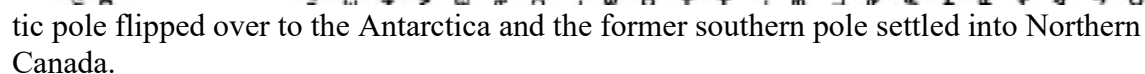
Using models of proposed orbits of planets such as Mars and Venus, who in their unstable proto-planet era before they had achieved stable orbits around the sun, had occasions on a regular and cyclical basis that their orbits came together in close vicinity with each other. In the above diagram is a fly-by of the proto-planet Mars, who came as close as 15,000 miles from earth. An icy moon on the planet Mars hit the Roche Limit of the earth at 11,000 miles and disintegrated causing a massive ice fall causing torrential rains to fall on this earth, while a fragment of it spun off into a smaller icy comet, known to us as Halley's comet, traveling at 93,200 mph.

This fly-by of Mars and planet Earth, traveling at approximately 1000 mph clockwise rotation for Mars and a 700 mph counter-clockwise rotation for earth resulted in a fly-by at about 1700 mile per hour.

Estimated Ancient Orbits of Mars and Earth

This catastrophic event, the Flood of Noah caused subcrustal tides of 10,000 feet into the air, in which 5% of the Pacific and Indian Oceans swept across the continents, especially over India, Iran and Ararat.

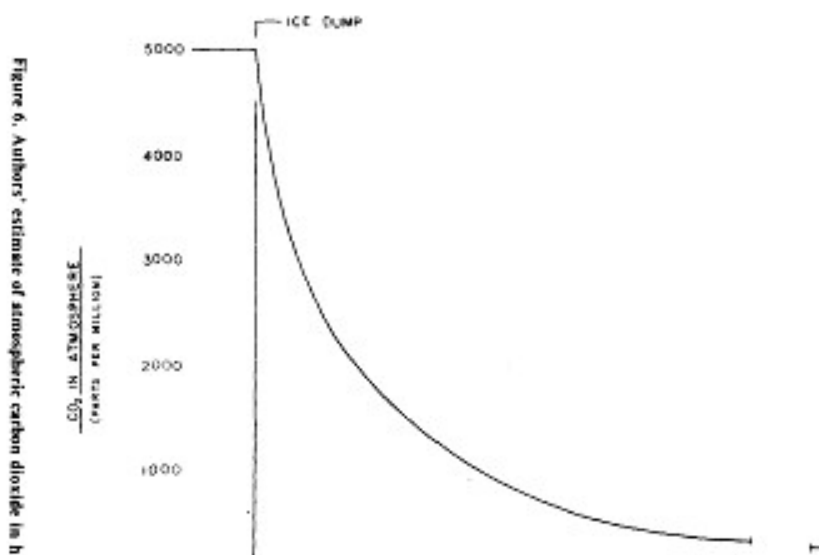
Europe and North Africa. The crust of this earth began to skid, the spin axis went into precession, the north magne



The earth's geomagnetic field was intensely recharged, while hot meteoric ice rain fell over this earth and gouged huge river systems on the face of Mars. The ice gravitational fields caused rings of ice to form around the earth, similar to what we see on Saturn today, flowing down like

Estimate of Atmospheric CO₂ in Historical Time

This CO₂ absorption by the oceans caused rapid limestone formation of the



massive extinction of the plants, fauna and carbon based cellular organisms that lived and were destroyed during the flood. This effectively took carbon out of our atmosphere, allowing less growth of plant and animal life, lives became shorter, and the size of all animals became smaller. This fact is demonstrated in the lives and probably the size of ancient man, but also can be demonstrated in all animals from the recently discovered 40 foot, 10 ton crocodile in the Tenere Desert of Niger in West Africa, to the 15 foot turtles, dragon flies that were three feet across and saber tooth tigers that were six feet tall. What is significant is the similarities of the decay rate of the CO₂ and the decay rate of the lives of humans after the flood as told in the Biblical story.

Mar's Catastrophes and the Jubilee Cycle

What is also of interest is the relationship between the 50 year Jubilee cycle and the reoccurring cycles of catastrophes that the Hebrew people were experiencing in their lives. It was as though they, the House of Jacob had a 50-year lease on the land and their day of judgment was at hand. Every fifty odd years, they would watch expectantly in the heavens and observe, coming from the east, a stellar body, moving closer and closer in a rendezvous destination with this earth. Can you imagine the fear and expectation in people's hearts in the Land of Israel, wondering what kind of disaster would happen this time on earth? Will it affect them or somewhere else on the planet? Will the catastrophe occur in the daytime or at night, such as at the Passover Exodus flyover and Gideon's route of the Midianite oppressors. .

After this cycle, they felt once again secure that another catastrophe was not about to occur, and the time of potential destruction had past. Then celebration rang throughout all the land and another Jubilee cycle would begin.

So we can envision the Jubilee cycle as potentially tied with the potential destruction in the land of Israel. So also there was a grander or larger cycle of mega-catastrophes, followed by a catastrophic era, an uniformitarian era, and then a mega-catastrophe followed by another catastrophic era. Did the Lord of hosts want His people to eventually see this cycle as a cycle of redemption?

The question we need to address is, will the return of Jesus be just a closing chapter on this planet's history and as we watch all animal and plant life on this planet shut down and disappear? Are we seeing once again another cycle in the cycle of the Ages, the plan of salvation in its final fulfillment state? Are we seeing truly Paradise Lost and Paradise Restored? Will this Paradise Restored be on this planet in a three dimensional world or are we going to be taken on a celestial journey to another universe or heaven itself and live there in another dimensional state?

The Second Coming of Jesus – The End or the Redemption and Renewal of Earth?

If we are considering that the coming of Jesus will be associated with significant catastrophic events on this earth, then it would be imperative for any prophetic scholar to understand the potential earth changes that will take place and their impact on the historical life on earth.

Whatever it may be, the common folk, like you and I are very interested. What is going to happen to me during these days? Will I be able to survive? How can I protect my family? Does God even want us to try to protect ourselves or become like sheep about to be led to the slaughter? Are we also to participate at the end of times in another holocaust like the Jewish people did in the heartland of the Nazi empire? Are we to fight for the Lord of hosts, fight for our survival and refuse Satan the privilege of annihilating every last being on the face of this earth who is a believer and defender of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob?

We are first reminded in Revelation about the war in heaven in which Satan with the angels is cast down to this earth. (Revelation 12:7-12) When does this event occur? Well this Satan, literally meaning adversary, is described as the one who deceives the whole earth? (vs. 9) This obviously was not at or before the Garden of Eden experience with Adam and Eve unless deceiving the whole earth was actually only deceiving the only two created beings on this earth. He is also called the 'accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night', so this has to be sometime in the era of historical man. (vs. 10) It also says, they (saints) overcome him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. (vs. 11) Therefore this is after the death and resurrection of Y'shua, when Christ's followers truly can overcome evil by the power of the 'blood of the Lamb'. So we then identify this fall of Satan sometime in the last two thousand years or an event still to occur in the future.

The last clue is, "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For he, the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time." (vs.12) The 'short time' motif suggests strongly that the fall of Satan and his angels from this cosmic war is truly at the end of time.

Let us now look at the text:

Revelation 12:17 – "And the **dragon was enraged with the woman**, and he went to **make war with the rest of her offspring**, who **keep the commandments of God** and have the **testimony of Jesus**."

War? Are we as the pacifists and the non-combatants going to really have to engage in military war with Satan, the dark forces of the other side and his followers on earth, who are now embolden by demonic possession? We have seen the historical documentation of the European Jews, as pacifists, who prayed for the triumph of good over evil in their plight in Nazi Germany, only to be led like sheep to be slaughtered in the gas chambers of the Holocaust. Does the Lord of hosts ask this of his people in the final days?

First of all, who is the 'Church'? Theologians and religious scholars have discussed the symbol of the 'church' for decades. The clearest consensus is that the '**Church**' of the **Old Testament is the 'Chosen ones, the Children of Israel**, or those who keep the commandments of God. (Revelation 12:17) Are these 'commandments' just the 'ten commandments' or the Decalogue? No, these commandments are the commands of Torah observance given to Moses on Mount Sinai, which does include the 'ten commandments'. As Paul stated in Roman 9:4, they were the ones, who were privileged with '**the splendor of the divine presence, theirs is the covenants, the law (Torah), the temple worship, and the promises.**'

Yet there is a 'Church' in the New Testament, whose primary mission is to proclaim the salvation of Jesus Christ. They are the ones 'who have the testimony of Jesus'. **Yes, here we have two combatants and two peoples with two separate missions.** Many of the gentile followers of the Christian faith are under a strange delusion. They have arrived at their religion under the belief that there is a 'cheap grace' and that salvation will be safe, quick and easy. The evangelical Christians have a strong belief in the pre-tribulation rapture, a secret rapture, which will be quick, sudden and most important before Satan has the power to make their lives 'hell on earth.' When the going gets rough, the evangelical Christians want to 'be out of here' and let the Jews defend God and Jerusalem during the height of the trauma of tribulation.

Is the Coming of the Messiah a Secret Rapture or a Special Resurrection?

By all accounts, tribulation will occur, according to John in Revelation during the era of the Six Seals. **The only clue of a possible rapture under a literal reading** of the Book of Revelation with a literal progression of sequence is the **evidence of the 144,000 and a great multitude that are seen in heaven after the Sixth Seal.** (Revelation 6:12-17) Then as John states, "After these things", John sees the four angels holding the four winds, and then an **'ascending angel from the east having the seal of the living God'** (Revelation 7:2) coming to seal the "144,000 of all the tribes of the children of Israel" on their foreheads (vs. 3-8) We can make any spiritual interpretation of this text we want to, but the literal understanding is that God seals 144,000 literal genetic Israelites representing all the tribes of Israel, except the tribe of Dan. Why the Tribe of Dan? (vs. 12-17) It was the Danites, who led the Nation of Israel into apostasy in the 9th and 10th century BCE with the Golden Calf. The Tribe of Manasseh, the youngest son of Joseph, in Revelation substitutes the Tribe of Dan, because, it was Manasseh, who received the birthright of the House of Joseph from Jacob, his grandfather, during Jacob's dying days. (Genesis 48:17-21)

So we have a **time sequence.** The **coming of Jesus to this earth does not occur until the seventh trumpet or the seventh vial plague of the seventh seal, yet at the end of the sixth seal, we do see the 144,000 and the great multitude?** But where are they at? The scripture plainly states that the great multitude is **'standing before the throne and before the Lamb.'** (vs. 9) This has every appearance of their living and existing in that other dimension called heaven. Also, one of the twenty-four elders that sat on twenty four thrones around the throne of God (Revelation 4:4), turned to John and asked,

Revelation 7:13-15 parts - " 'where do they come from?' John said to the elder, 'Sir, you know.' So, he said to me, **'These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation,** and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in His temple....for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. '"

So, here we see the great multitude, in heaven, standing before the throne of God, serving the Lord of hosts in His temple and Y'shua, the Lamb is also there in the midst of the throne as their shepherd. Once again, the seventh seal has not started.

It is of interest that Satan, just prior to the 144,000 being sealed also is sealing his people, the 'Mark of the Beast'. (Revelation 13:15-18 This also occurs just prior to the first trumpet and vial plague of the seventh seal. And right after this event, John states,

Revelation 14:1, 3-4, parts - "Then I looked and behold, **a Lamb standing on Mount Zion**, and with Him **one hundred and forty-four thousand**, having His Father's name written on their foreheads. ...They sang as if it were a new song **before the throne, before the four living creatures** (cherubim), and **the elders**; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand **who were redeemed from the earth**....These were **redeemed from among men, being first-fruits to God and to the Lamb.**"

The first question now, was these **144,000 Israelite saints, one's who had died and are resurrected and taken to heaven, or were they raptured and transported to heaven?** Some theologians have taken the 144,000 and the great multitude and placed this event at the seventh trumpet and the second coming of God, for do not both the sixth seal and the seventh trumpet have a great earthquake? Yet the **144,000 are called the 'first-fruits'**, but the first-fruits of what?

Here we are reminded again of the type – anti-type or the mirror image and the real image. During the **Passover celebration**, the lamb that was slain was then eaten at the Seder (Passover) meal that following evening. That seder meal could have been any evening of the week, Sunday through Saturday. On the eve, the night before of the 1st day, Sunday, after the 7th day Sabbath (Shabbat) which followed the Passover Seder, another mysterious ceremony called the '**harvesting of the first-fruits**', occurred. At the setting of the sun, the priests walked over the bridge that crossed the Tyropean valley from the eastern door of the Temple to the western side of the Mount of Olives and there in the valley, they harvested the first sheaves of ripening barley growing in the fields there.

The death and resurrection of the **real Passover Lamb, the Son of God, Y'shua, followed exactly this Passover ritual**, for as the Passover lamb was being sacrificed, Y'shua was being sacrificed on the cross, and three and one-half days later, at the setting of the sun on the 7th day Shabbat, Y'shua was resurrected from the grave, just as the priests were harvesting the barley from the fields near the Temple of Herod, for ceremony of the waving of the first-fruits the following 1st day, Sunday, in the Temple of the Lord.

So Paul reminds us,

Yet, we also see here a special resurrection of some special saints, Israelites and gentiles, who are reaped by the Son of God in the clouds between the sixth and the seventh plague of the seventh seal. These are first-fruits of the future resurrection saints who rest awaiting their Redemption. They are also representatives of God's chosen ones from all the historical ages of mankind. who will be privileged to

I Corinthians 15: 20-25 - "But now, **Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.** For since by man (Adam) came death, by **Man (Y'shua)** also came **the resurrection of the dead.** For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But

each one in his own order: **Christ the first-fruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.**"

Colossians 1:18 – “ And He is the head of the body, the church, which is the beginning, **the firstborn from the dead**, that in all things He may have the preeminence.”

Revelation 1:5 – “Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from **Jesus Christ, the faithful Witness, the firstborn from the dead**, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.”

So now we have a picture. **Y'shua is our first-fruit**, or the first-fruit of those saints (Israelite or gentile followers of Christ, **who have fallen asleep and wait being resurrected at Jesus' coming**. Suddenly, here we see, at the sixth seal, a special resurrection of both the House of Jacob, the Israelites as the 144,000 and the great multitude, or gentile Christian believers in Y'shua who have died for their Savior.

So right after the proclamation of the Three Angels, by the three Archangels of God (Rev. 14:6-13), we see;

Revelation 14:14-16, parts - “a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. So He who sat on the cloud **thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.**”

Reaping, harvesting and gathering. These are all symbols of God redeeming His own. Truly at the second coming of Jesus there will be a **massive resurrection of saints from all ages asleep in the graves plus the redemption and glorification of the saints who are caught up in the air** to forever be with the Lord. Yet, we also see here a **special resurrection of some special saints, Israelites and gentiles, who are reaped by the Son of Man in the clouds between the sixth and the 1st plague of the seventh seal**. These are the **fruit-fruits of the future resurrection** of the saints who rest awaiting their Redeemer. They are also representatives of God's chosen ones from all the historical ages of mankind, who will be privileged to observe the seven last plagues on earth from the skyboxes of heaven.

But these are not the only times this special resurrection has occurred or that there has been a live rapture of saints. Once again, we must suggest that **every event in the time of the end has occurred sometime in the history of the Hebrew people as a mini-drama of the final events of this earth's era.**

During these two events, there are two **important and critical clues** on a significant happening that is occurring on this planet. We are now in the last few days of the end of an era of uniformity on this planet. The earth is quickly beginning to collapse under the abuse and rape of the earth's resources and the creatures that lived and roamed on her crustal surface.

The **First Seal** depicts a **conqueror on a white horse**. Is this the triumph of the end of the Christian age? Is this the triumph of the final chapter of the consolidation of power and authority of the Antichrist, usurping the symbol of purity, white, as he takes final control of the destinies of every nation and kingdom and tongue and people?

The power of the Antichrist will come under the control of those who seek to control the earth, the Committee of 300, the CFR (Council of Foreign Relations), and the **Bilderbungers, who use the emblem of a white horse on the front cover of their meeting's memos**. Yes, it could be both, as George Bush, President of the United States, now in the full thrust of destroying evil on the face of the earth in the War on Terror, is actually, under the banner of Christian righteousness, is setting the stage for the final consolidation of the One World Government with the United Nations and the Vatican.

The **Second Seal** depicts a **major military conflict on earth, which would take peace away from this earth**. Under the banner of **red**, it is suggested that the **Islamic-Chinese treaty will give rise to the God-Magog battle against Israel in Ezekiel 38**.

The **Third and Fourth Seals** depict **progressive destruction, scarcity to the resources on this earth** and resultant widespread death of man and all vegetation and animals on this planet

The **Fifth Seal** depicts the **cry of the martyrs, calling to the Lord of hosts to avenge the evil that is plaguing the earth** in the final throes of tribulation.

Then comes the **Sixth Seal**:

Revelation 6:12-17 – “I looked when He opened the **sixth seal**, and behold, there was a **great earthquake**; and **the sun became black** as sackcloth of hair, and the **moon became like blood**. And the **stars of heaven fell** to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. Then the **sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up**, and every **mountain and island was moved out of its place**.

“And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, **hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains**, and said to the mountains and rocks, ‘Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! **For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?**”

The **Great Day of the Lord has come**. This earth is now **shifting into a new mega-catastrophic era**. The **Time of the Wrath of God** has now come.

The key to know when tribulations ends is when this event occurs: “and every mountain and island was moved out of its place”. (Revelation 6:14) Have you ever considered what this means and the implication of what will be happening on this earth from the end of the sixth seal until the end of the sixth plagues of the seventh seal, or that time when Jesus’ returns. Most of us want to play this era in fast forward motion and in our good ol’ American impatient way, get it over and let’s get on with the show.

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For those theologians who want to place these catastrophic events at the second coming of Jesus’, let us look at what will happens during the second coming of the Lord.

Revelation 16:17-21 – “Then the **seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air**, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, ‘**It is done**’, And there were **noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake**, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.

Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. **Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.** And **great hail from heaven fell upon men**, each **hailstone about the weight of a talent. (75 pounds)** Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.”

Compare this **earthquake with the Seventh Angel of the Seven Last Plagues** and the **Sixth Seal earthquake**. In the Sixth Seal, as we have seen,

Revelation 6:14 – “**every mountain and island was moved out of its place.**

yet in the seventh plague, also with a great earthquake,

Revelation 16:20 - ‘**every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.**’

The [Great Day of the Wrath of God](#) will begin with the splitting and separating of the continental plates that are under our earth’s crust. The second coming of Jesus will see the separation of these continental tectonic plates and a movement of these plates that will cause the mountains and islands (mountains in the sea) to disappear.

Isaiah the Prophet of Catastrophes

Catastrophes at the Time of the End – Part Two

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[Asteroid Apocalypse](#)

Isaiah the Prophet, Seer and Counselor of the State

King Hezekiah (729-686 B.C.E.) with all the citizens of Jerusalem were sitting inside the walls of Jerusalem while the huge force of Sennacherib, king of Assyria (705-681 B.C) were assembling outside on the surrounding plains. A vast sea of warriors in full military armor glistening in the sun, 164,000 in all, was an ominous site to behold. Isaiah, the court counselor and seer was about 65 years old. He had an illustrious career as historian, cosmologist, and prophet, and also had the ear of the king. As Isaiah sat in the counsel of the King Hezekiah, he waited as Hezekiah was now standing before the Shekinah in the Holy of Holiest, with clothing

rent, begging and beseeching for the guidance of HaShem as he presented the demands of surrender by the Assyrians to the last remnant of God's people.

2 Kings 19:19 – “O Lord God of Israel, the **One who dwells between the cherubim**, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth....Now therefore, O Lord our God, I pray, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are the Lord God, You alone.”

This was the **last reference to the Ark of the Covenant, the Cherubim and the Shekinah in Hebrew scripture**. When Isaiah received the diplomats of the king's court with the demands of the king of Assyria, Isaiah had already done his homework. He was also a Searcher, studied avidly the history of God's people and he knew well the history of catastrophic deliverances for the Hebrews. He was assured that even with a remnant, the Lord of hosts would defend His own. So he said,

2 Kings 19:5-7, Isaiah 37:6 – “Thus says the Lord: ‘Do not be afraid of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me. **Surely I will send a spirit upon him**, and he shall **hear a rumor and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.**’”

An Electrical Bolt on Sennacherib

This translation (NKJV), though technically is correct in its translation, “**Surely I will send a spirit upon him**”, have considerably **missed the literal impact** of the event. The most literal word should be “**Blast**” as in the Hebrew, the word translated is *ruwach or ruach* (Strong's 7307) means a **wind resembling a violent exhalation, a tempest, an angry breath and by extension a region of the sky such as an air blast**. What a difference this meaning takes! God does not send his ‘spirit’ as some would consider his Holy Spirit, Ruach HaKodesh. As Sennacherib had ‘utterly destroyed’ the lands in this scorch earth massacre, so also the Lord of hosts would treat him the king and his forces would be utterly destroyed.

The nation of Israel first felt the long arm of human terror in 725 B.C.E. when **Shalmaneser V (727-722 B.C.E.)** invaded Israel and marched on to Samaria. For three years the capital city lay in siege and finally **fell in 722 B.C.E.** During the final onslaught by **Sargon II,(722-705 B.C.E.)** general of the army and eventual successor to Shalmaneser, the kingdom of Judah also felt the wrath of Assyria, Judah, in the 4th year of Hezekiah, then also came under the control of Assyria by sending tribute. So in 722 B.C.E., House of Israel went into exile, an exile which has never been completed and whose dry bones have not been restored to this day, according to the prophecy of Ezekiel 36. (Eze.36:1-14)

It appears **that Sennacherib (705-681 B.C.E.)**, successor to Sargon II, had made a military incursion into the kingdom of Judah, the first, around 701 B.C.E., the 14th year of Hezekiah. (1 Kings 18:13) he attacked the fortified cities of Hezekiah and carried off tribute and booty. Hezekiah repented and offered to pay tribute. Though Hezekiah ruled from 729-686 B.C.E., the first fifteen years were co-regent with his father, King Ahaz (735-715 B.C.E.). So fourteen years

after he became sole rule in 715 B.C.C., Sennacherib came to Jerusalem and boasted that he made Hezekiah “**prisoner in Jerusalem, his royal residence, like a bird in a cage**”.

According to the royal histories of the kings of Judah, **Hezekiah paid 300 talents of silver, in which he had to clean out the coffers of the Temple of God, and 30 talents of gold, in which he had to tear down the front doors of the temple** and remove the gold overlay in which he had earlier restored when he repaired the Temple of Solomon. Having access now to the Royal Archives of Sennacherib in Nineveh, we find his claim that he claimed receipts of ‘**thirty talents of gold and eight hundred talents of silver,**’ **together with a great treasure of gems, couches of ivory, valuable woods, and ‘all kings of valuable treasures.’** (SDA Bible Commentary Vol. 2 pg. 956)

Some scholars think that during this campaign, when he took the fenced cities, he also laid siege to Jerusalem. Others suggest that Sennacherib returned later, laid siege to Lachish, while he sent Rabshakeh, the chief cup bearer and spokesman for the king’s envoy, who was obviously multi-lingual as he spoke Hebrew, to deliver an ultimatum to King Hezekiah. While this ultimatum was being delivered, it was learned that Tirhakah, king of Cush, an Ethiopian ruler of the Twenty-fifth dynasty of Egypt, was in route to engage in battle with Sennacherib. (11 Kings 19:9) Historical documents depict that Tirhakah was born in 708 B.C.E., and at the age of 7, unable to wield an army against Sennacherib, was also in co-regency, with his brother, Shabataka (700 – 684 B.C.E.), in 690 B.C.E. and reigned alone from 684 to 664 B.C.E. What we do know is that Hezekiah died in 686 B.C.E. and Sennacherib was assassinated in 681 B.C.E., **so Sennacherib’s confrontation with Hezekiah was sometime between 690 to 686 B.C.E.**

What is known is that Hezekiah, between 701 and 690 B.C.E., spent extensive preparations to fortify the city of Jerusalem (2 Chronicles 32:2-6) awaiting the final onslaught, and during this time the famous Hezekiah tunnel was made in which his men bored a 1777 foot tunnel from the well of Gihon in the Kidron Valley to a lower pool inside Jerusalem. (2 Chronicles 32:4,30, 2 Kings 20:20), giving Jerusalem a continuous supply of water even during a siege to this present day. This was documented on an inscription found in the tunnel in 1880, now residing in the Archeological Museum at Istanbul. Which states,

“The tunnel was bored. And this was the manner in which it was cut. While (the workmen were) still (lifting up) axes, each toward his neighbor, and while three cubits remained to be cut through, (there was heard) the voice one calling the other, tunnel was bored, the stonecutters, struck, each to meet his fellow , ax against ax; and the water flowed from the spring to the pool for 1,200 cubits, and the height of the rock above the heads of the stonecutters was 100 cubits.”

[The Belokurikha flame](#) (photographer unknown).

As described by an observer ‘the flame grew up from the earth, then rolled itself into a bright ball, rapidly flew up and disappeared in the sky’. Site: fault net concentration of the southeastern part of Belokurikha massif.

Contrary to modern chronology, Sennacherib did not bring his forces to the walls of Jerusalem on 701 B.C.E., but more than likely about 684 B.C.E. On that day the mighty **forces of Sennacherib, the king of Assyria** were annihilated by a mighty **bolide, “Blast”, the electrical bolt or flue of millions of volts of electricity** that was heard across the land and incinerated the entire military force of **185,000 warriors**, who were camped outside the walls of Jerusalem. The army, lying with the ground strewn with the **iron helmets, iron coats of mail, iron javelins, and iron leg armor**, became a **vast grounding site** for a cosmic electrical bolide.

According to the prophecy of Isaiah,

Isaiah 37:6 - “and he shall **hear a rumor and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.**”

Isaiah 37:36 - “Then **the angel of the Lord went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians** one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when the people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses-all dead. So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went away, **returned home, and remained at Nineveh**. Now it came to pass, as he was **worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, whom his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer struck him down with the sword**; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. Then **Esarhaddon his son reined in his place.**”

Is this a cosmic mystery? Well, not really, but to have the Lord of hosts direct such an event in order to save his own people from extinction and complete exile yet is part of the mystery of God. The House of Israel went into exile and still today they have not returned, in spite of the direct mission of Jesus was to ‘go to the lost sheep of the House of Israel’. Yet the annihilation of Assyria’s mighty forces outside the walls of Jerusalem, served to toppled Sennacherib from power and Assyria soon faded into the archived of imperial history.

It was to the prophet Isaiah, that the word of the Lord came, first as an oracle against the king of Assyria (2 Kings 19:21-28) with the final statement,

2 Kings 19:27-28 (Isaiah 37:28-29) - “I know your dwelling place, your going out and your coming in, and your rage against Me,. Because your rage against Me and your tumult have come up to My ears, **There I will put My hook in your nose and My bridle in your lips**, and I will turn you back by the way which you came.”

The Assyrians were notorious for their cruelty. As they led their captives away from their own homelands, they would put a hook in their noses, so in the spirit of ‘an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth, God would lead Sennacherib, the king back to his own homeland.

Then the promise came to Hezekiah from Isaiah for his people.

2 Kings 19: 29-31 (Isaiah 37:30-32) – “This shall be a **sign to you**: You shall eat this year such as grow of itself, and in the second year what springs from the same; also in the **third year sow and reap**. Plant vineyard and eat the fruit of them. And the remnants who have escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. For out of Jerusalem shall go a remnant, and those who escape from Mount Zion. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.”

Let us now look at now a future prophetic scene. God in a very forward way proclaimed to Sennacherib,

2 Kings 19:27-28 (Isa. 37:28-29) - **“I will put My hook in your nose and My bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way which you came.”**

Yes, God was being merciful. The forces of Sennacherib were totally destroyed and the once arrogant king, who boasted that he made Hezekiah **“prisoner in Jerusalem, his royal residence, like a bird in a cage”** as now returned to the land of Assyria in disgrace. Though in the Assyrian annals, Sennacherib boast of five more campaigns, he does not give account of his military disaster outside the walls of Jerusalem, yet by 681 B.C.E., he was **assassinated by his own sons**.

We have watched prophecy replayed with Jesus returning to the Mount of Olives as He left on His ascension. The movie is rolled backwards in a reverse mode, so at the end of times, this drama will be replayed. In the Gog and Magog attack against the Nation of Israel just prior to the restoration of the House of Israel to the Land (Ezek 39:21-29), the Lord of hosts again sends an oracle:

Ezekiel 38:1-9 parts - “Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ‘Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog,and prophesy against him and say, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Behold, I am against you, O God, the prince.... **I will turn you around, put hook into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen**, all splendidly clothed, a great company with bucklers, and shields, all of them handling swords.**In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword (Nazi Holocaust) and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate** (the Nation of Israel forming in 1948); they were **brought out of the nations** (prophecy fulfilled), and now **all of them dwell safely** (prophecy still to be fulfilled) You will ascend, coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud, you and all you troops and many people with you...”

When Gog ascends into the land, it will be with an overwhelming invasion force. Yet look carefully at where they are going. Here is a land where inhabitants had just been ‘brought back from the sword. Here the redemption of Judah from the Holocaust of Germany, the programs of Russia and the Islamic pressure to extradite the people from the Islamic states and even to drive them out of the land of Israel in 1948, 1967, 1982 and the Intifada which started in October, 2000 is clearly apparent.

All the world nations have been responsible in keeping the Jews to the sword in recent decades. Not so, you say, America has always been Israel’s friend. Let us remind ourselves that

President Roosevelt and the U.S. turned a blind eye to the Holocaust, even to the point of restricting immigration of Jews fleeing the Holocaust during the height of the crisis in the 30's and 40's. President Bush Sr. withheld billions of promised loans in military aid to Israel until the government of Israel was willing to negotiate what has now widely advocated, "Land for Peace".

The Lord of hosts speaking in these passages acknowledges that He has gathered 'many people on the mountains of Israel, which had **long been desolate**. What a true statement looking at the historical return of the Jews. Since the Jews were evacuated from Judah in 70 C.E., the land has been desolate and deserted. Throughout the last 1930 years, the meager inhabitants in the land have destroyed all its resources, making it a land of curses. The Turks were notorious for leveling the last remaining forests in Israel. Yes today, Israel has become the breadbasket of Europe and vast forests have been reclaimed across the mountains of the Lord.

The last statement, '**and now all of them dwell safely**', is still a promise waiting to happen. Since the **Oslo Accords in 1993**, the incidents of terrorism against the people of Israel have been progressive and spiraling. There is a suggestion that we **will still see a time of peace before the next major battle of Gog and Magog**. In Zechariah 9, it is suggested that the **Palestinians will soon get their long awaited autonomy and live peaceably in Gaza and Ekron will host Palestinian nationalists who will be willing to coexist and co-habitate like the Jebusites**, whose stronghold citadel, Salem was conquered by King David and made into the capital of the combined monarchy of Israel. Jebusite-Salem became the new capital called Jerusalem.

The **Arab nationals** living in the land of Israel will make peace with Israel and will become as a peaceful citizen, an *aluph*, is translated either as a **governor suggesting semi-autonomous independents like the Persian governor Zerubbabel** did in the land of Israel in the days of Zechariah, or as a **clan or family who keeps its own national customs in a land of peace**. **Yasser Arafat in that prophecy, as the king of Gaza will cease to exist**, either by natural death or by assassination, but it appears not by the hands of the Jews. Note that the prophecy **does not include the Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank and the Shomron area, which lies in the fields of Ephraim as noted in Obadiah**. Either way, to the BibleSearchers, we are still looking to a time of peace in the Land of Israel, without Arafat, before Gog rises up his military banner against Israel.

As God **turned the king of Assyria around with a hook in his jaw and led him away from the land of Israel**, so **HaShem in the 'latter years' will turn Gog around and with a hook in his jaw, will lead him back to Israel, this time to teach him another lesson**. Carefully note that the land in which Gog may actually be the front man in an invasion that is against his own will, impelled as being as being drawn by 'hooks in his jaws.' The political forces in the progressively radicalized Islamic states will cause even Islamic statesmen to cast aside the preventive diplomats and concede to the blood oaths of the radical Islamic fundamentalists. The progressive radicalization of **Prince Abdullah in his April 25, 2002 meeting with President Bush at his Crawford Ranch** is a step in this direction, when he gave Bush what is called a 'stern warning' that though he would **not 'use oil as a weapon'**, the United States, he also emphasized that this was Bush's '**last chance**' and 'allowing this problem to spiral out of control will have **grave consequences for the U.S. and its interests**.'

The next day, **Egyptian Prime Minister Atef Ebeid said his country would go to war with Israel** if Arab countries stumped up **\$U.S. 100 billion (\$A186.32 billion) to pay for the confrontation**, in an interview published yesterday. "If you want to undertake an action and be ready to face up to challenges, you need at least \$100 billion." They are now only radicalizing and taking sides in this geo-political drama, but now they are being to count the 'change' needed to finance this war.

So when will this Gog-Magog battle begin. This has been the million dollar question with scholars of prophecy for decades. Let us look for hints in the following texts.

Ezekiel 38:18- "And it will come to pass at the same time, **when Gog comes against the land of Israel....there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel**, so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping thing that creep on the earth, and **all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence**. The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.; I will call for a **sword against Gog throughout all My mountains**,' says the Lord God, **every man's sword will be against his brother..** And I will bring him to **judgment with pestilence and bloodshed**; I will **rain down** on him on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him **flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone**. Thus I will **magnify** Myself and **sanctify** Myself, and I will be **known in the eyes of many nations**. They shall know that I am the Lord.'

This verse is packed with political and cataclysmic changes. Though the region of Israel and Jerusalem is located along a north-south fault line, there have been no significant earthquakes in the land for centuries. This time, **right in the midst of the invasion, we will see a great earthquake**. This cataclysm will be felt around the world, as '**all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence**.' It will topple buildings, the walls of the old city will be devastated, even the Temple Mount could suffer significant extensive structural damage and the Dome of the Rock may very well be destroyed. Even so, this catastrophe will be accompanied with 'flooding rain, great hailstones, fire and brimstone.' What do we have here? This combination suggests that the **earth will be passing through the tail of a comet**. With Hailey's Comet's last visit in May,1986, seen best at Bombay, India and not scheduled to return for another 76 years, we are looking for another stellar visitor.

In about 690 B.C., the last event of the era of catastrophes occurred in the Land of Israel and for two thousand seven hundred years, the world has enjoyed a planet that is placid and calm in a world of uniform stability, that even the great scientists, philosophers and theologians have declined into a world of amnesia forgetting that in the mist of the ancient days, that when HaShem spoke the planet trembled. Gog-Magog battle will reintroduce this planet to the soon coming era of catastrophes and the world of apocalyptic prophecy fulfillment.

Isaiah, the Master Cosmological Catastrophist

Isaiah was not just a mystical dreamy eyed prophet, as some would say, whose head was in the heavens. When Isaiah spoke on the 'Day of the Lord', he did so with the **mastery of an eminent historian** and the **technical accuracy of a catastrophic astrophysicist**. The Lord sent

him to the Land of Israel and then to Judah to portray a vivid and precise of the cosmic activity of HaShem as He would return and intervene again in the historical events of his chosen people.

Isaiah as the historian unveils his book, the Book of Isaiah, depicting the historical astronomical catastrophes as a stepping stone to the **prognosis of God intervening and closing a chapter in the era of historical man, the end of catastrophic apocalypse.**

The Sodom-Gomorra Annihilation: 1447 B.C.E.

Isaiah 1:9 - “Unless the Lord of hosts had **left to us a very small remnant**, we would have **become like Sodom, we would have been made like Gomorrah.**”

Yet, his theme quickly turns to the end of days, the vision for Judah and Jerusalem.

Isaiah 2:1-3 – “Now it shall **come to pass in the latter days**, that the **mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains**, and shall be **exalted above the hills**; and **all nations shall flow to it**. Many people shall come and say, ‘**Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob.**’”

This will be the day when,

Isaiah 4:3 – “those who are **left in Zion**, who **remain in Jerusalem**, every one **enrolled in the book of life**, shall be called holy.”

Then, **Isaiah 10:12** – “When the Lord has **finished all that he means to do on Mount Zion** and Jerusalem, he will **punish the king of Assyria** for this fruit of his **pride** and for his arrogance and vainglory.”

The Exodus Holocaust of 1447 B.C.E.

Isaiah 10:26 – “And the Lord of hosts **will stir up a scourge for him like the slaughter of Midian** at the rock of Oreb; as **His rod was on the sea**, so will He **lift it up in the manner of Egypt**.

Why? Isaiah 10:11 – “On that day the Lord will **make his power more glorious by recovering the remnant of his people**, whose who are still left, from Assyria (**Turkey and Syria**) and Egypt, Pathros, Cush (**Ethiopia**) , Elam (**Iran**) and Shinar (**Iraq**), from Hamath (**Syria**) and the islands of the sea. (**Crete, Cypress, and Greece**)

The Exodus was a mini-drama of the Greater Exodus with the redemption of the House of Israel.

How? Isaiah 11:15 – “The Lord will utterly **destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt (Sinai Peninsula)** ; with His mighty wind He will shake His fist over the River, **and strike it in the seven streams (tradition states that seven streams of pathways were made for the children of Israel to go over the river to Sinai)**, and make men cross over dry shod. There will be a **highway for the remnant of his people**, who will be **left from Assyria**, as it was for Israel in the day that he came up from the land of Egypt.

The Greater Exodus will begin a reverse exodus as it will come from the northeast, where the Israelites came out of Egypt from the south-west.

The Long Day of Joshua of 1404 B.C.E.

Isaiah 28:19, 20, 24 – “It will be a terror just to understand the report....For the Lord will **rise up as at Mount Perazim, (where Joshua stood)** he will be **angry as in the Valley of Gibeon, (where the hailstone fell)** that He may **do His work, His awesome work,** and bring to **pass His act, His unusual act (Strange Act)** ...for I have heard from the Lord of hosts, **a destruction is determined** even upon the whole earth.”

Are we seeing a future prophecy of a special Divine redemption that will occur at Mount Perazim in the Valley of Gibeon? Or will God just act like He did during those hours of redemption under the leadership of Joshua.

The Elijahic Catastrophe of 864 B.C.E.

I Kings 18:30 – “Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come near to me.” So all the people came near to him. And he **repaired the altar of the Lord** that was broken down. And Elijah took **twelve stones**, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the world of the Lord had come, saying, “Israel shall be your name.” Then with the stones he **built an altar in the name of the Lord**; and he made a trench around the altar large enough to hold two seahs of seed. And he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood, and said, ‘**Fill four water pots with water,** and pour it on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood. Then he said, ‘**Do it a second time,**’ and he said, ‘**Do it a third time,**’ (twelve pots of water)..... So the water ran all around the altar and he also filled the trench with water..... Then **the fire of the Lord (bolide of fire or lightning bolt in dry atmospheric sky) fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice,** and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench. Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, ‘The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!’”

Note the affinity of the conductivity of a large body of water, saturating the soil to the bedrock, in the presence of the highly charged dry atmospheric air preceding an approaching thunderstorm.

The Joel Amos Catastrophe of 756 B.C.E.

Isaiah 6:4 – **In the year that King Uzziah died,** I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said:

**‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
The whole earth is full of His glory!’**

And the **posts of the door were shaken by (earthquake) the voice of Him who cried out,** and the house was filled with smoke.

Amos 1:1 – “The words of Amos, who was among the sheep breeders of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the **days of Uzziah, king of Judah**, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, **two years before the earthquake**. And he said: The Lord roars from Zion, and utters His voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds mourn, and the top of Carmel withers.”



This earthquake in the days of Uzziah was to be a mini-drama of the earthquake at the second coming of Y'shua.

Zechariah 14:3-5 (parts) - Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. And in that day, **His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives**, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall

be split in two.... then you shall flee though My mountain valley, for the mountains valley shall reach to Azal. **Yes, you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah.**”

Cosmic and Celestial Catastrophes

Isaiah 14:23 – “I will sweep it with the broom of destruction.” (cometary tail with its destructive forces, hail, ice, fire bolides and pestilence.)

Isaiah 34:4 – “All the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll”

(the universe is described by astronomers as being flat and rolled out in an arc.)

Isaiah 24:19 – “The earth is violently broken (violent rocking back and forth in its orbital pathway will produce catastrophic changes to the crust of the earth) , the earth is split open (the mid-Atlantic ridge in the center of the Atlantic Ocean is evidence of a major rift of tearing of the earth's crust, a smaller but equally dramatic is the Great Rift Valley which traverses from the Dead Sea (the former Vale of Siddon) all the way to the lower part of the continent of Africa), the earth is shaken exceedingly. (The earth is a magnetized floating ball rotating in orbit around the sun. Subject this earth to a close flyby of another planet with an iron laden crust and both stellar bodies will weave, rock, roll and twist like two floating magnets near each other.)”

Isaiah 24:20 – “The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard (image the same staggering rotations of the earth as described above) ; and shall totter like a hut;

Isaiah 24:18 – “For the windows from on high are open (the gates of heaven were located at the cardinal points of the earth, in relation to Jerusalem. Gates from on high is possibly coming from the northern quadrant) , and the foundation of the earth are shaken. (the earth's crust or tectonic plates are shaken)”

Isaiah 24:1 – “The Lord makes the earth empty and makes it waste (split it open NEB) (look at pictures of the area around Mt. St. Helen after she erupted in a



massive volcanoes, the earth was empty and waste, yet splitting it open suggested the earth expansion such as the mid Atlantic ridge) , distorts its surface (turneth it upside down KJV) (mountain formation and earth crust deformation is a cataclysmic event, but turning it upside down suggests a complete polar reversal) and scatters its inhabitants (Man flees and human life is destroyed in every cataclysm).

Visible Astronomical Destroyers Asteroids, Comets, Meteors or an Invading Planet (Planet X)

Isaiah 17:13 – “like a rolling thing before the whirlwind. (Rolling “galgal in Hebrew, is a rolling, rotating wheel or ball like object. Thing is from the Hebrew word *dabar* meaning appoint, to subdue or to destroy. It is similar to *deber* which means pestilence, meteorites, Murrain, plague” – therefore a rotating, orbiting planetary object which will destroy and cause pestilence, murrain or the plague.

Isaiah 37:36 – “Then the angel of the Lord went out (flyby of a cometary or planetary object), and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand...” (In Hebrew mystical lore, all planetary objects have an angel.)

Asteroid Impact in the Ocean

Isaiah 5:28 – “He will lift up a banner to the nations from afar, and will whistle to them (meteor shower) from the end of the earth; surely they shall come with speed, swiftly.....whose arrows are sharp (cometary debris) , and all their bows bent; their horses’ hooves will seem like flint (rocks cutting the skin), and their wheels like the whirlwind (rolling and tumbling through the air). Their roaring will be like a lion (the sounds of bolides crashing and exploding)...and lay hold of the prey; they will carry it away safely, and no one will deliver (there is no safe place)...and if one looks to the land, behold, darkness and sorrow; and the light is darkened by the clouds (the land will lay desolate, the trees destroyed and smoke and dust will darken the sky).

Isaiah 30:27-28 – ‘Behold, the name of the Lord comes from afar (comet coming from the stellar spaces), burning with His anger (fiery orb), and His burden is heavy; his lips are full of indignation (appears angry and people fear), and His tongue like a devouring fire (the cometary trail swirls like a tongue). His breath is like an

overflowing stream, which reached up to the neck, to **sift the nations with the sieve of futility (the nations are scattered, empires are toppled)** ; and there shall be a **bridle in the jaws of the people (the peoples of the world watch in absorbing fear)**, causing them to **err (panic and loss of reason)**.

Isaiah 30:30 – “The Lord will **cause His glorious voice to be heard (incoming roar of a comet)**, and show the **descent of His arm (incoming arc of the cometary trail)**, with the indignation of His anger and the **flame of a devouring fire (fiery destruction)**, with **scattering (the inhabitants flee)**, **tempest (sweep of winds hundred of miles per hour)**, and **hailstones (meteor showers and bolides of fire)**. For through the voice of the Lord, Assyria will be beaten down, as **He strikes with the rod. (Assyria will be an impact zone for a cometary strike)** – see Revelations trumpet plagues 1-3)



Comet with cometary icy train

Isaiah 30:33 – “For **Tophet (name of an invading planetary body)** was **established of old (created in a long orbital cycle (2000-4000 year cycle) and as part of the universal creation)**, yes, for the **king it is prepared (the coming of the King of kings, Y’shua during the seven last plagues)**. He has made it deep and large (**large planetary, larger than a meteor or comet**); its **pyre is fire with much wood (brilliant orb with fiery combustion)**; the **breath of the Lord, like a stream of brimstone(fiery trail carries a stream of meteors and planetary dust)**, kindles it.

Isaiah 34:9 – **The Destruction of Edom** – “Its streams shall be turned into pitch, and its **dust into brimstone**; its **land shall become burning pitch**. It shall not be quenched night or day; its **smoke shall ascend forever**. From **generation to generation it shall lay waste**. **The land of Edom is in southern Jordan and Arabia, the inheritance of Esau, whom the Lord says He hates**. Whereas the Dead Sea will become a living sea when the river of water erupts from the temple site, farther south appears to be the site of the Lake of Fire. Is this prophecy an illusion to the future Lake of Fire where the Beast and the False Prophet are cast?

Isaiah 28:15,18 – “We have made a **covenant with death, and with Sheol (death pact or a covenant with demonic beings from the Abyss)** we are in agreement. When the **overflowing scourge passes through (flyby of a comet or meteor)**, It will not come to us. <http://www.donaldedavis.com/>

Isaiah 28:2 – “Like a tempest of hail and a destroying storm (meteor swarm), like a flood of mighty waters overflowing (**tsunamis**), who will bring them down to the earth with His hand (**cast to this earth – see how the Archangel casts down the Vial Plagues**). The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, will be trampled underfoot (**Ephraim is**

symbolic of Great Britain, the center of the economic power of the world. Is this the fall of Babylon?).” Will Great Britain be the recipient of a cometary impact in the Atlantic Ocean, with a giant tsunamis (100+ feet in height) with a accompanying meteoric hail and bolide storm?)

Catastrophic effects of an asteroid or comet impact.

We have already analyzed the catastrophic effect of an asteroid that hit the off the Yucatan peninsula, called the **KT extinction**, which is credited for destroying the dinosaurs across the globe. Geologists place this at **65 million years ago**. According to the present scientific data, a 100 kilometer wide crater is left in the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico at Chicxulub on the Yucatan Peninsula.



KT Extinction and the Chicxulub Crater Impact

Scientific studies on fossil leaf research show that there was a sudden five-fold increase in CO₂ at the end of the cretaceous period, which is explained by the vaporization of 6.3 to 13 million tons of carbon back into the atmosphere. The only explanations that the scientists can make for this is an asteroid or cometary impact. With the impact the earth temperature was suddenly raised, the carbon dioxide pores in fossils revealed sudden and high levels of carbon dioxide and dinoflagellates, microscopic salt-water organism, started migrating to the pole with a resurgence of coral reef formation.

We as creationists place it about the time of the **Tower of Babel**. The prophet Isaiah was correct, the earth had been through major catastrophes, yet in his eyes they were within the history of the descendants of Adam.

The most **obvious effects on our earth of an asteroid**, called a **Near Earth Object (NEO)**, **impact** would be the following.

- **Firestorms**
- **Tsunamis**
- **Hurricanes**
- **Tornadoes**
- **Volcanic Eruptions**
- **Atmospheric changes**
- **Nuclear Winter**
- **Contamination of Natural Resources**
- **New Viruses**
- **Collapse of Ozone layer**
- **Famine**
- **Mass Hysteria**

Let us make one assumption. If the **diameter of the asteroid is known** and it has a **direct impact upon the crust** of a continental plate, then you can **determine the magnitude of the earthquake on the following Richter scale.**

Asteroid Diameter	Earthquake Magnitude (Richter Scale)
1.0 meters	4.55
50 meters	7.95
100 meters	8.8
200 meters	9.15
240 kilometers	15.3



“If you have a **1.0 meter asteroid** hitting earth, the earthquake magnitude would not be so great, but any of the above threats can still occur depending on the matter that makes up the NEO.

With a **50 to 200 meter asteroid**, you can expect several disturbances to Earth. First of all, if it would hit on land, it would provide with the same threats as with a 1 meter asteroid except for the fact that it would occur under a much more dangerous earthquake. If it were to hit on the ocean as there would be a **70% probability, a tsunami would practically wipe out all of Japan and most of the China, Siberia, and all of North America West of the Rockies** if it was to hit the Pacific Ocean.

If it were to hit the **Atlantic Ocean**, the **tsunami would wipe out most of Europe, west Africa, the east coast of South America, and all of North America east of the Rockies**. With whatever is left of human civilization, the economy would collapse. All of our oceanic resources would be contaminated with new extraterrestrial elements. New elements from the asteroid can cause a plague to destroy humans. Otherwise, an enormous dust cloud could fill the sky causing a nuclear winter for approximately 10 to 15 years. All possible natural resources would be destroyed. Panic and mass hysteria would cause many dictatorships to form, and people would follow them, hoping for any chance of food and survival. Eventually, these leaders would take all resources, and human life would die out.

A **240 kilometer asteroid** would practically **break the earth into tiny pieces**. The planet would no longer exist. Currently, there are **16 NEOs of this kind**, and this is part of only **3% of the skies being observed**. Although this may not be very accurate, those statistics would mean there would be approximately 533 NEOs 240 kilometers or larger.”

Wobbling or Changing the Orbit of the Earth

Isaiah 24:18 – “the foundations of the earth are shaken (**crustal deformation or plate tectonic movement**).”

Isaiah 13:13 – “Therefore I will **shake the heavens (what ever cosmic changes are happening on this earth will also affect the universe and other planets, stars and galaxies),** and the **earth will move out of her place.(be thrown out of earth’s present orbit)”**

Change in Orbit around the Sun or Change in Polar Spin Axis

Isaiah 24:19-20 - “The **earth is utterly broken down**, the earth is clean dissolved, that **earth is moved exceedingly**. The earth shall **reel to and fro like a drunkard**, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression there-of shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall and not rise again.”

The tectonic plates on the continents will splinter and fragment. As such, we will be fracturing the crustal plate of this earth like the Great Rift in Africa, when Abraham watched the annihilation of the flourishing civilization that was living at Sodom and Gomorrah in the Vail of Siddim. As such the disintegration of the crustal foundations as the tectonic plates begin to separate.

When Isaiah suggests that ‘the earth is moved exceedingly’ , we are actually seeing the earth being thrown or shifted out of her orbit. When we see the depiction that ‘the earth shall reel like a drunkard’, we are seeing a magnetic orbiting sphere loosing her magnetic bearing and gravitation pull and stability in orbit around the sun. In the earlier discussions with Patton and Hatch in the cosmic interaction that would come with a planetary flyby of a planet like Mars, when these two astral bodies come close enough that their magnetic fields lock, they try to align their magnetic field forces with each other. Sailing through space, they become like wobbling tops spinning, trying to find equilibrium between the gravitational pull of the sun and the magnetic pull of the other planet.

Polar Migration and Pole Reversals

Isaiah 24:18-20 – “For the **windows from on high are open**, and the **foundations of the earth are shaken**. The earth is **violently broken**, the **earth is split open**, the earth is **shaken exceedingly**, the **earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard**, and shall **totter like a hut.(these are all description of what happens in a polar migration.)”**

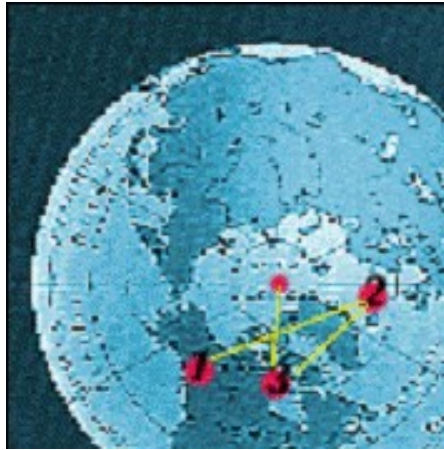
Isaiah 24:23 – “Then the **moon will be disgraced (comes from the Hebrew *chapher*, (Strong’s 2659) meaning confounded or brought to confusion)** and the **sun ashamed (comes from the Hebrew *buwsh* (Strong’s 954) meaning confounded, to be delayed, to be too long. When the sun stood still in the Long Day of Joshua, the pole was migrating to a new location.) ”**

Isaiah 38:8 – “Behold I will bring the **shadow on the sundial, which has gone down with the sun on the sundial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward.;** So the sun **returned ten degrees on the dial by which it had gone down. (Here is evidence of two polar shifts, one in the day of Ahaz and a reverse shift in the monarchy of Hezekiah.)** This is the writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick and had recovered.”

Isaiah 24:1 - “Behold the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down **(the poles are reversed north to south and south to north)**, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.”

Everyone who looks at a globe will eventually notice something strange, **the earth is tilted about 23 degrees away from the true magnetic North Pole.** Was the earth created this way? Either God has a strange sense of humor, or this must be the perfect orientation of the world, or something happened. Can we image what the world was like before the flood, or in the prediluvian world. This was the world of Adam to Noah. To have the climatic conditions consistent with the records in the Biblical canon and other Hebrew Intertestament books, it appears that the Magnetic North Pole and the True North Pole were probably the same or very close.

Isaiah 24:1 directly suggests that the **north and south pole of this world at one time will be moved somewhere between 90 to 180 degrees.** This is **not a magnetic pole shift, or a dipole reversal**, though one may occur prior to this event. At this event, the north pole will be in what is now the southern hemisphere and the south pole will be in the northern hemisphere. This will obviously be a mega-destructive event in which the earth is **depopulated or annihilated.**



The Hebrew for ‘turneth’, *avah* (Strong’s 5753) means **to bow down or to move downward.** The north pole now at 23.5 degrees would be pushed downward towards the south.

Let us look at John’s image of a similar event.

Revelation 6:14 - “And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together;”

When a large **planetary body suddenly changes it’s rotation**, or undergoes a **polar shift**, the rapid **forward movement of the surface of the earth leaves the atmosphere (the first heaven) behind** and as it **pushes forward into the oncoming atmosphere.** It **rolls the atmosphere into a huge “roll cloud”** leaving a **vacuum** in between. **The subthermal outer atmosphere** quickly (wind speeds of hundreds or thousands of miles per hour) fill in the huge vacuum with temperatures approaching **absolute zero**, in an instant quick freeze. Such a mechanism is suggested also just prior to the Noachian flood with the remnants of the frozen mammoths in Siberia and also a sudden change in latitude as a new north pole found a new home on this planet earth.

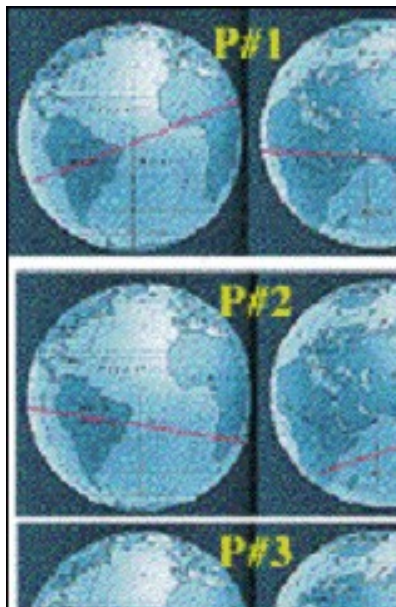
We have a rare glimpse of another Hebrew document that was not included in the Biblical canon, called the **Book of Enoch.** Considering the fact that more fragments and manuscripts of the Book of Enoch were found in the Qumran library hidden in the Dead Sea scrolls than any other book of the Old Testament suggests the reverence this book was held by the Essenes. Also consider the fact that the Book of Enoch was directly quoted from by Jude, validates its historical importance. During the days just prior to the Flood, it states,

Book of Enoch – “In those days, Noah saw that the **earth became inclined**, and that destruction approached.”

Compare this again with Jasher 6:11,

Jasher 6:1 - “And on that day (Flood), the Lord caused the **whole earth to shake**, and the **sun darkened**, and the **foundations of the world rages**, and the **whole earth was moved violently**, and the **lightning flashed** and the **thunder roared**, and all the **fountains in the earth were broken up....**”

In 1970, in a book called “*The Path of the Pole*”, **Charles Hapgood** hypothesized that the poles have changed their inclination at least three times in the recent past. The **first North Pole** was sitting over the Yukon area of North America at 80,000 B.P., moving east to **the Greenland Sea** about seventy thousand years ago, then about fifty thousand years ago, the North Pole moved to its **second area of inclination over the Hudson Bay**.



Hapgood's Polar Shifts

The last shift documented, according to Charles Hapgood, was about 12,000 B.P. at the end of the Pleistocene to its current area. It is interesting to note that most conservative Creationist geologists feel that the Pleistocene era is the time of the Great Flood of Noah.

Using geomagnetic and carbon dating evidence, Hapgood identified the locations of the pole and its migration paths as:

Position # 1 -- 63 degrees N, 135 degrees W (the Yukon area)

Position # 2 -- 72 degrees N, 10 degrees E (in the Greenland Sea)

Position # 3 -- 60 degrees N, 73 degrees W (the Hudson Bay area)

Position # 4 -- the current position

Changes in the Equator with each Polar Shift

A very impressive portfolio of evidence was amassed by Hapgood to support a polar shift. This included,

- (1) evidence that **Siberia once was populated by a verdune terrain and a very populous zoological community**,
- (2) the **Arctic Ocean** was once considerably **warmer with coral reefs** and humans which inhabited the New Siberia Islands,
- (3) evidence that the **Antarctica was once free of its mile high glaciers** with streams, valleys and lakes, and
- (4) **fossil remains** all over the globe which suggests that each terrain once was inhabited by plants and animals of a different climate than present.

Even **Sir George Darwin**, son of Charles Darwin, accepted the evidence but rejected such a shift because he felt that the forces needed to turn the poles over could only be by a collision with another planet. Yet this same evidence met the approval of scientists such as **Albert Einstein** and **K.F. Mather**.

In a position paper by [Flavio Barbiero](#), he demonstrated that **immense force needed to tilt or shift the polar axis of the earth can be done by the torque** generated by a relatively **small asteroid impact**. This in turn would cause **instantaneous changes in the axis of rotation and the instantaneous shift in the poles in any direction and amplitude**. In other words, the **North Pole** could “**jump almost instantaneously from a location to another**, thousands kilometers away (miles is you wish), due to the combined effects of forces, at first sight irrelevant, such as the **impact of a medium size asteroid** and the **Sun-Moon gravitational attraction** on the equatorial bulge.”



What type of asteroid could effect such a change. According to Barbiero, the Apollo size asteroids, first named by Reinmuth in 1932, could effect such a change. These **Apollo asteroids** are over **one kilometer (2.2 miles)** in size. About **one hundred are known** today, the

largest **Hephaistos** who is 10 kilometers (22 miles), yet there is an estimate of **1000 to 2000 more** awaiting discovery. Using geological time, scientists estimate that the earth has been hit by an Apollo asteroid at least **1500 times** in the last 600 million years. As creationists, the BibleSearchers seriously consider that this occurred in the last 6000 years of historical time.

An impact of such an asteroid, hitting at a speed of 44 miles per second (2600 miles per hour) would explode with the equivalent of **ten billions of Hiroshima-type nuclear bombs**. We could

spend this entire forum discussing the implications and effects of such a hit. A short list would include a **20 degree crustal shift** in which the **equatorial bulge would in effect raise or lower the surface of the earth 3-4 kilometers (6.5 to 8.5 miles)**. Is this the same mechanism that raised the megalithic city of **Tiahuanaco in Ecuador**, built with stones from 20 to 200 tons in size. This city, sitting close to Lake Titicaca in Ecuador, was raised from a seaport city and now rests over 14,000 feet in the air. <http://sunnydaniels.com/page72.html> Other affects include: **earthquakes of a magnitude** not imagined today, **volcanic activity rupturing along the entire 'Ring of Fire'**, **hurricanes with wind speed hundreds of miles per hour**, and **tsunamis hundreds of feet high**.

Art in the World before the Flood of Noah

The prediluvian world as was inhabited by the patriarchs before the flood, we can now see pictures in the **Paleolithic caves of Europe** of the world as they saw it during and preceding the Last Ice Age.

Skeletons found in the permafrost of Siberia, match the pictures painted in these caves, the oldest known to be the **Chauvet cave in France**. Here, 30,000 years ago in geological time, an artist portrayed with great skill and beauty, a **vast menagerie** known by geological specimens to include a larger variety of animals and plants than found on any place on this earth today. These include the woolly mammoth eating next to a hippopotamus, reindeer with rhinoceros, Brezalski horse with leopard, and lions with bears. Also included are sabre teeth tiger, buffaloes, camels, big horn deer, sloths, giant beavers, auroch bulls, sloths and the list goes on.

Bolide Destruction

The Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, the Destruction of Sennacherib's Army

Isaiah 37:7 – “Surely I will send a ‘blast’ upon him...” (a fiery bolide destroyed the entire army of Sennacherib, ruler of Assyria.

Isaiah 25:4 – “For the **blast of the terrible ones** is as a storm against the wall.”

Psalms 46:6,8 – ‘for He **uttered his voice, the earth melted**. Come, behold the works of the Lord, what **desolations** he hath made in the earth.”

2 Samuel 16:14-16 – “**The Lord thundered from heaven**, and the Most High uttered His voice. He sent out **arrows and scattered them; lightning bolts, and He vanquished them**. Then the channels of the sea were seen, the foundations of the world were uncovered, at the rebuke of the Lord, at the **blast (ruach) of the breath of His nostrils**.”

Cosmic and/or Crustal Noise

Isaiah 29:6 – “You will be punished by the Lord of hosts with thunder and earthquake and **great noise**, with storm and tempest and the flame of devouring fire.

Isaiah 5:29 – “the **roaring shall be like a lion**.”

Isaiah 30:31 - “For through the voice of the Lord, Assyria will be beaten down,”

It was August, 1883 when a small **volcanic island, Krakatoa between Java and Sumatra erupted**. The eruption, explosion, quaking and thunder were heard 2000 miles away in Australia, Manila, Philippines, and the Reunion Island in the Western Indian Ocean. A great noise, whether by **exploding bolides, tectonic shift of the earth's continental plates, volcanic upheavals and explosions, or the clashing geomagnetic fields of two planets** as suggested in the early Bible catastrophes resounded throughout the world.

Earthquakes and Crustal Fragmentation

Isaiah 2:19,21 – “They shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, from the terror of the Lord and the **glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth mightily....**To go into the cleft of the rocks, and into the crags of the rugged rocks, from the terror of the Lord and the **glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth mightily (great earthquake).**”

Isaiah 22:5 – “**Breaking down the walls** and of crying to the mountain.”

Isaiah 22:9 – “He removed the protection of Judah. You looked in that day to the armor of the House of the Forest; you also saw the **damage to the city of David** that it **was great**; and you **gathered together the waters of the lower pool**. You **numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses you broke down to fortify the wall**. You also made a **reservoir between the two walls for the water of the old pool. (Damage to a fortified city during an earthquake)**”

Isaiah 5:25 – He has stretched out His hand against them and **stricken them, and the hills trampled. (shifting of crustal plates which caused deformation of the crust with hill and mountain formation)**”

Isaiah 29:6 – “You will be punished by the Lord of hosts with **thunder and earthquakes** and great noise, with storm and tempest and the flame of devouring fire.”

The Apocalypse coming on as schedule or an Appointment An Astronomical Rendezvous

Isaiah 28:22 – “For I have heard from the Lord God of hosts, a **destruction determined even upon the whole earth.” (the Lord of hosts is aware of any impending planetary of cometary collision approach to this earth.)**”

Isaiah 28:18 – “Your covenant with death will be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol will not stand; when the overflowing scourge passes through, then you will be trampled down by it.”

Isaiah 2:19 – “They shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, from the terror of the Lord and the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth mightily.

Isaiah 2:12 – “For the **day of the Lord of hosts** shall come upon everything proud and lofty, and everything lifted up – **and it shall be brought low. (will occur at a designated day and an hour)**”

Isaiah 22:5 – “For it is a **day of trouble** and treading down and perplexed.
Adapted from Patten, Hatch and Stinhauer, *The Long Day of Joshua and Six Other Catastrophes*, p. 55-63)

The evidence does not end here. The myths of the ancient world are a vast and fertile ground for the evidence of a catastrophic era not similar to our present era of mild and stable natural forces in nature. Yet we will first begin with the evidence of catastrophes in the historical life of the Hebrews and their ancestors as recorded in the scriptures of Yeshua (Jesus) and the apostles, the Tanakh, the Old Testament.